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THE CANTON CRISIS.

Labour to Support the Government.

GUILDS ORGANISING CAMPAIGN.

FOREIGN NAVAL DISPLAY RESENTED.

[By "Telegraph" Special Representative.]

Canton, December 19th. The period of fourteen days fixed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen for compliance with his demand for the retention of the Customs surplus collected within Kwangtung territory expires to-day, but, so far, nothing of an unusual nature has occurred.

There are now altogether seventeen foreign men-of-war anchored off the Shamen, the latest arrival being a chartered launch sent up from Hongkong, equipped with a machine-gun and manned by sailors from the cruiser Calabria, which represents Italy's interest in the situation.

The latest development to be recorded, which I learned from an official source, is that, on the expiry of the fortnight's notice, a fresh Note has been served on Sir Francis Aglen, the Inspector General of Customs at Peking. This communication has been handed to the local Commissioner of Customs. I am informed that the Note orders the Inspector General to keep apart the revenues collected in Kwangtung and, after providing for Kwangtung's share in the funds necessary for the service of foreign obligations, charged on the Customs, to hold the balance and pay the same over according to the orders of the Kwangtung Government. It is added that if this order is not complied with, the Canton Government will proceed to appoint its own officials.

OFFICIALS SARCASTIC.

Various officials of the Government with whom I conversed this morning were inclined to be sarcastic at the assembly of so many foreign men-of-war on the river. According to Mr. Luk King, for the Assistant Commissioner for Foreign Affairs (who will be remembered for the part he played in the settlement of the big Hongkong seamen's strike), the occupation of the Customs House by Dr. Sun's officials is not contemplated. Such a step, he said, would be foolish. This made the foreign naval preparations, in his opinion, totally unnecessary. But he alluded to the possibility of the Government setting up its own Customs Station.

First and foremost, the Canton Government considers this Customs surplus question a purely internal matter, and by the tone of its official communication it has placed the Inspector General and the local Commissioner in the position of its own servants, charging that they must obey instructions in regard to the disposal of the surplus revenues. Insisting that the question is not one of foreign concern, much is being made of the fact that America is represented by a larger number of warships than any other Power. Tse Ying-pak, the well-known Labour leader, is shocked at the intervention of America, and he has already delivered one public oration and is prepared for further activities. In remarks addressed to the people of America, he appeals to their sense of liberty and asks their intervention so that the rights of a sister Republic may be safeguarded.

DR. SUN'S RHETORIC.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has also addressed a message "To my friends, the American people," in which he says that "In this twelfth year of our struggle for liberty, comes not a Lafayette but an American admiral, with more ships of war than any other nation in our

crisis, so that the Republic in China shall perish." He then asks: "Has the country of Washington and Lincoln forsaken its high faith in freedom and turned from a liberator to an oppressor of a people struggling to be free? We cannot believe it, and we want the officers and men of your fleet—though their guns are already trained on this unfortified City of Canton—to ponder this question before they shoot us. And why do they wish to shoot us? Because we rightly claim the customs revenues collected within the territory of my Government after deducting our proper share of the funds required for the service of foreign debts charged on the Customs revenues of the whole of China. That is a right conceded to every other Government: it must be conceded to my Government if only because those revenues belong to us by every right known to God and man." As if there is any question of bombardment of Canton!

LABOUR TO SUPPORT DR. SUN.

A question of some importance, at the moment is the part which Labour is likely to play in the matter in the event of the dispute not being speedily settled. As already reported, there has been one mass meeting of labourers, and there are now whispers of a possible strike of all Chinese aboard foreign ships, whether merchantmen or naval vessels. However, Mr. Luk King informs me that the labour leaders came to see him the other day and he advised them "not to do anything unreasonable."

After a lengthy search of the city this morning, I was successful in locating Tse Ying-pak at a tea-house. He informed me that the 250 Guilds under his control were unanimous in their resolve to support the Government on this question of the Customs surplus. He added that, consequent on this decision, a meeting of delegates from the various Guilds was held yesterday to consider on what lines the support should be given. Certain facilities for the exchange of views and the establishment of a foreign correspondence department were, I learn, organised as a preliminary step. Labour, according to Tse Ying-pak, intends to take an important part in the dispute, even going so far as to attempt to negotiate with the Powers without consulting the Canton Government. Tse Ying-pak says the guilds will move in the matter if satisfaction is not obtained as the result of the further ten days' grace which has now been decided upon by the Government.

TALK OF MEDIATION.

This labour leader was at considerable pains to impress on me that the guilds were acting entirely on their own initiative and that what they had so far done was not the result of intercourse with the Government, which has its own plans for dealing with the situation. All the same, considering that he is not a Government official, Tse was wonderfully informed regarding the latest political developments, and was able to inform me of the serving of the Note on the Inspector General and also of the conciliatory tone of the reply of the Diplomatic Body to Dr. Sun's demand. He also spoke of the possibility of the Japanese Ambassador, in Peking, acting as a mediator. He

SHOTS IN KOWLOON.

TWO MEN WOUNDED.

MISSING CHINESE CONSTABLES.

A few nights ago, a rather sensational happening took place at Kowloon.

P. C. McEwen was on duty in Parke Street just before 1 a.m. when he heard police whistles blowing and, on going in the direction from which the sound came, saw a number of men running down Austin Road in the direction of Canton Road. He gave chase and called upon the men to stop, but they took no heed of his orders. The men turned round by Whitfield Barracks into Shanghai Street and, continuing thence, the constable fired on them. The fugitives scattered in different directions, but during a subsequent search P. C. McEwen found two men in a match in the grounds of Whitfield Barracks, both of whom had been wounded, one having a wound in his right hand and the other a wound in the left side. These wounds had evidently been received whilst they were running away. The men were subsequently taken to the Police Station and from there to the hospital.

Investigations go to show that the men were supposed to be gambling, and a curious circumstance in connection with the affair is that two Chinese constables, who were supposed to have been on duty on the neighbouring beat, have not reported themselves since. It seems evident that they had something to do with the matter and have not seen fit to turn up.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

SUCCESSFUL WHIST DRIVE.

Another highly successful whist drive was held at the Seamen's Institute last evening. So many more people than expected arrived to participate in the games that tables had to be arranged in the Manager's private rooms, in the Officers' Billiard Room and on the first floor landing. At the conclusion, Kowloon residents and others were taken to their respective destinations by the Mission launch "Dayspring". Mr. G. T. May again gave valuable help as M.C., assisted by Mr. A. T. Boleler. The winners of the various prizes were:

Ladies.—1st, Mrs. May, (176); 2nd, Mrs. White (174); 3rd, Mrs. Burden (172); Hidden Number, Miss Hill (143); Booby, Mrs. Castledene (139).
Gentlemen.—1st, Mr. Greenwood, (186); 2nd, Mr. Linsey (181); 3rd, Mr. Bilton (180); Hidden Number, Mr. Hyne, (155); Booby, Mr. McGarry (133).

The next Institute whist drive will take place on January 9th.

conclusions from the reply of the Diplomatic Body, especially from the reported admission that the Powers were not interested in the question of the surplus, which was entirely an issue between the Peking and Canton Governments. He deduced from this that in the final resort the Powers would hold the surplus until such time as an agreement is reached between North and South.

STUDENTS & WORKERS TO MEET.

News reaches us from another source stating that after receiving the reply from the Diplomatic Corps, Dr. Sun invited Tse Ying-pak and Fung Kwok-po, a member of the new Educational Society, to his headquarters at the Cement Works and authorised them to convene a general meeting of labourers and students for Sunday next so that joint opposition might be shown to the

CAPTAIN FOUND SHOT.

SUICIDE SUSPECTED.

AN EARLY MORNING TRAGEDY

Captain A. Newby, of the s.s. Wing Tai, was found sitting in a chair in his cabin, this morning, dead, with a bullet through his right temple.

The terrible discovery was made by a steward of the Wing Tai, about six o'clock, this morning, when he was bringing Captain Newby's early morning cup of tea. Captain Newby was sitting in a chair, his head hanging over to one side and his arms hanging limp. Between his legs was a fully-loaded revolver, one of the rounds having been expended. The bullet had penetrated the right temple. Death had taken place, but the body was still warm, showing that the act was committed only a short time previously. The police suspect that it is a case of suicide. Captain Newby had been in command of the s.s. Wing Tai, a small vessel of 234 registered tons, owned by the Tai Cheung Steamship Company—about two months. The Wing Tai trades between Kowloon and Suifu, but on Saturday the ship came into Hongkong for the purpose of undergoing repairs. She anchored at Samshing, where she was lying this morning when the tragedy took place.

Deceased was a man of some 35 or 36 years of age, and had spent many years on the China Coast. He was well-known amongst the shipping community in the East. He had a cheery disposition and appeared to have plenty of friends, especially at the Victoria Recreation Club, at the sports of which institution he occasionally assisted as an official. It is understood, however, that during the last few days, Captain Newby has not been in the best of health, which may in some way account for his sudden end.

It is understood that Captain Newby leaves a widow and children at Home, to whom we offer our sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The funeral takes place this afternoon.

JAPAN'S RESTORATION BUDGET.

SEIYUKAI FORCE BIG REDUCTION.

Tokyo, December 20. The Seiyukai majority party has introduced a Bill reducing the Restoration Budget by one hundred and forty million yen, which the Premier this afternoon announced the Government will accept "in view of the urgent nature of the restoration programme and in order that there may be no delay in proceeding with the work."

Earlier in the day well-informed quarters predicted a dissolution owing to Seiyukai's demonstration of power in forcing a heavy reduction of the Government figures, but it is now expected the Restoration Budget will pass as amended. The Diet is now debating it.—Reuter.

ANOTHER SNATCHER.

MAJOR WILLSON AIDS JAPANESE LADY.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged with snatching a silver mesh handbag from a Japanese lady, when she was walking up Battery Path after dark yesterday evening.

Major C. Willson, of the Magistracy, happened to be in the vicinity at the time, and aided in the arrest of the accused. The case was adjourned for a while to enable a Japanese interpreter to be obtained. Major Willson gave evidence, and eventually the accused was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour and twelve

CHINA LIGHTS.

A BRIGHT FUTURE.

The fifth ordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Company (1918) Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. this morning. Mr. W. Adamson presided and there were also present Messrs. A. H. Compton, G. W. Barton, C. A. da Rosa, Lee Hsyan (Consulting Committee), S. F. Chubb (Secretary), R. G. Shewan, A. A. Botelho, F. J. Tavarez, J. Toppin, H. H. Taylor, Tong Hok-ting, Tse Tsan-tai, F. Farrant, J. H. Donithorne, A. L. Shields and A. A. Cordeiro (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—The statement of accounts for the twelve months ending the 30th September, 1923, has been in your hands for some days and following the usual procedure I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The income for the period covered by the accounts is \$395,152.21 as compared with \$265,657.92 for the previous twelve months which, I think, you will agree is very satisfactory. The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$234,721.79 and we propose to deal with this sum by placing \$25,000 to goodwill, thus closing this account in our books, paying a dividend of 60 cents on the old shares, and 40 cents on the new, absorbing \$199,972 and carrying forward \$29,749.79. It is perhaps unnecessary to point out that the 40 cents on the new shares is the proportion due them from the date upon which the instalments on these shares were paid. In reviewing the dividend it has to be borne in mind that the capital of the Company has been doubled since we last met.

Our business, I am glad to say, continues to grow steadily, and though I cannot hold out the hope that the increase in the current twelve months will be as large as in the period under review, I am confident that when this meeting is held next year the shareholders will have no cause for complaint.

It is unnecessary to draw the attention of local shareholders to the rapid development of Kowloon, but non-residents interested in our Company will doubtless be glad to learn that this development is likely to continue for a good many years to come.

The future calls for light and power have our constant attention and full provision has and will continue to be made for all demands that are likely to be made upon us.

Mr. A. A. Botelho seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Farrant, seconded by Mr. F. J. Tavarez, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. H. Compton, G. W. Barton, C. A. da Rosa and Mr. Lee Hy-on were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee.

On the proposition of Mr. Tse Tsan-tai, seconded by Mr. J. Toppin, Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$400 each.

TO-DAY.

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NEWS IN THE ADS.

The Fancy Dress Ball in aid of the Ministering Children's League takes place at the City Hall to-night.

The Italian Grand Opera Company are playing "Lucia de Lammermoor" at the Theatre Royal to-night.

TO-DAY'S SPECIAL CABLES.

[United Press Service to the "Telegraph."]

THE MEXICAN TREATY.

ITS RATIFICATION URGED.

Washington, December 19. President Coolidge urges the Senate to ratify the Mexican Treaty, regardless of the Revolution.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

MISSION ACTIVE IN AMERICA.

Washington, December 19. The Philippine Mission is endeavouring to unite the insurgent Republicans and Democrats to effect Independence.

THE LATEST EXPEDITION.

TO SEARCH FOR SODOM & GAMORRAH.

St. Louis, December 19. Professor Kyle, the archeologist, is to sail after Christmas in a search for Sodom and Gamorrah, beneath the Red Sea.

(Reuter's American Service.)

THE CAMPAIGN IN MEXICO.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING REPORTED.

Vera Cruz, December 19. The newspapers report that General Huerta has communicated with the Federalist General Martinez with regard to an armistice. It is stated that the Obregonists have lost a hundred men in an unsuccessful sally against the revolutionaries at San Marcos. The Federal troops report that the rebel forces attacking Italla Hermosa lost heavily in the most sanguinary fighting of the present revolution. New Orleans, December 19. The Mexican Consul General says the rebels yesterday took over Merida, the capital of Yucatan.

BIG U. S. WATERWAY SCHEME.

Washington, December 19. The Senate has passed a resolution authorising a joint committee of the two Houses to investigate the feasibility of establishing a channel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, via the Mississippi.

HENRY FORD AND THE PRESIDENCY.

Detroit, December 19. Mr. Henry Ford has declared that, like the great majority of American people, he felt the country safe with Mr. Coolidge and he would never consider running as a Presidential candidate against Mr. Coolidge on any ticket.

HIGHER ATLANTIC FREIGHTS COMING.

New York, December 19. Steamship lines here confirm the report that freight rates from North Atlantic ports on this side to the United Kingdom will be advanced 20 to 25 per cent. about the beginning of next March.

BRITISH GOLFERS' TOUR.

New York, December 19. The British golfers Havers and Ockenden have arrived on a four months' tour.

(Reuter's Service.)

GREEK KING REFUSES TO ABDICATE.

Athens, December 19. Their Greek Majesties have sailed from Piraeus for Constanza on the Greek torpedo boat Daphne, accompanied by a marshal of the court, an aide de camp, and guard of honour of twelve bluejackets. The King resolutely declined to sign a decree of abdication. Athens, December 19. The Government has informed the Diplomatic Missions that their Majesties' departure for Rumania is temporary. General Condouriotis has been appointed Regent.

CHESTER CONCESSION ANNULLED.

Constantinople, December 19. A message from Angora says the Commissar of Works has notified Mr. Clayton Kennedy's agent of the annulment of the Chester concession made last April.

DEATH OF DR. J. H. JOWETT.

London, December 19. The death has occurred of Dr. J. H. Jowett, M.A., D.D., the famous preacher, who had been Minister of Westminster Chapel since 1918. He was born in 1864.

PENSION FOR MADAME CURIE.

Paris, December 19. The Madame Curie Pension Bill, granting a State pension to the discoverer of radium, has been unanimously passed by the Chamber.

CONSCRIPTION SCHEME IN AFGHANISTAN.

Peshawar, December 19. The Afghan Government has launched a new compulsory recruitment scheme, whereby one man in every eight will be conscripted for the army.

MR. BONAR LAW'S ESTATE.

London, December 19. The late Mr. Bonar Law's estate valued at £13,500.

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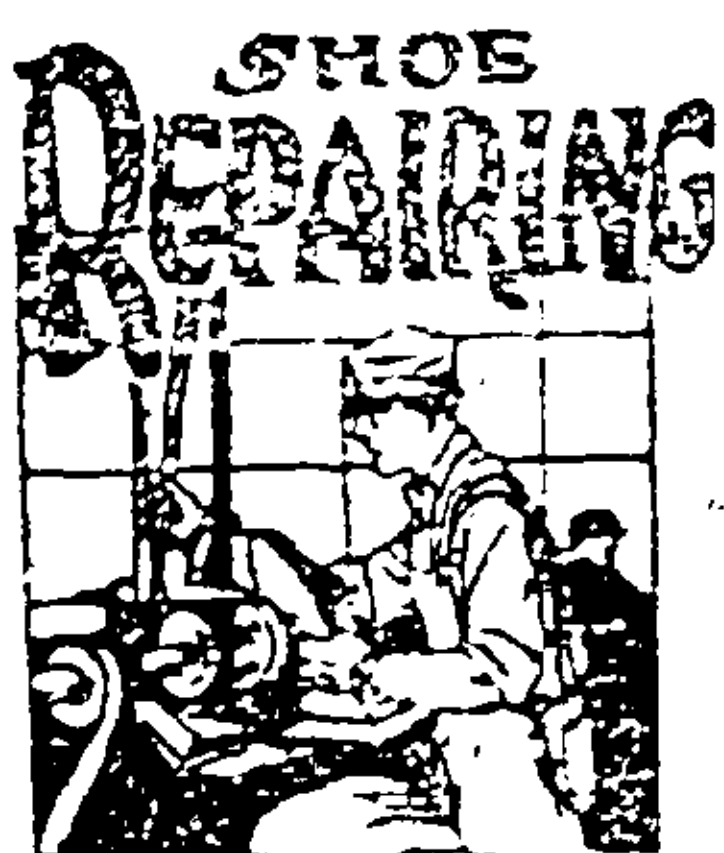
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(United Press Service to the "Telegraph").

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

Washington, Dec. 19.
Congressmen who favour Philippine Independence declare that
they will force the Philippine debate in January.

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

Washington, Dec. 19.
Puerto Mexico has fallen to the rebels. Advances indicate that
the rebels have been decisively defeated at San Marcos.
Veracruz, Dec. 19:
Correspondents with the rebels report that the Federal forces
have been forced to withdraw from San Marcos. General Cavazos,
the Federal Chief of Staff, was killed. — Reuters American Service.

MANY DIE IN HOTEL FIRE.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 19.
The famous hotel at the capital was destroyed by fire today.
Twenty-two persons are believed to be dead.

(Reuters Service)

THE COTTON TRADE.

London, Dec. 19.
The Joint Cotton Trade Committee, which met at Manchester, has
passed a resolution that a report could be served by further
discussing the question of the control of the whole cotton trade.
The question of control of the American spinning section was
referred to the committee. The committee decided to investi-
gate other matters which may help to the betterment of the
cotton trade in a whole. The committee also discussed specula-
tion in futures and future cotton forward. The decisions were
referred temporarily. — Reuters.

GREECE'S CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

Athens, Dec. 19.
The King's departure was a million drachmas to defray
expenses and also 1,500,000 drachmas of advance payable pend-
ing solution of the constitutional question. — Reuters.
Paris, Dec. 19.
Commenting on events in Greece the Matin says that Yane-
Savva and Roumieu have appeared in France to endeavour to save
the Greek dynasty, but that the French Government has refused
to entertain them. — Reuters.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

New York, Dec. 19.
While the House of Representatives Secretary Hughes' report
to Russia the House asserted that it is a little difficult to understand
the Mr. Hughes report and the proposals, which President
Hoover would not discuss. — Reuters.

AMERICA RATIFIES ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Washington, Dec. 19.
The Senate has ratified the renewal of arbitration treaties with
Great Britain, France, Norway, Portugal, and Japan. — Reuters.

A SINGAPORE SENSATION.

DISEASE COMMITTEE CAUSES SCARE.

(Singapore Free Press)
Singapore, Dec. 19.
A sensation has been caused in
Singapore by the publication of the
report of the Venereal Disease
Committee, which believes that the
disease is spreading rapidly. Admuni-
stration will be notified at the
report of the disease. Unless
prompt measures are taken the whole
population of the island will be
threatened with a serious epidemic.
It is stated that the disease has
been found in a short period of time,
and that with the rapid increase
of the population, the danger is
increased. The committee will extend
to a further augmented number of
Europeans, emphasizing seriously
the danger of the new disease.
The report concludes with the statement that
immediate action is necessary for
the segregation of patients and the
examination and treatment of
prostitutes.

MARQUIS SAONJIL

SUSTAINS PARALYTIC STROKE.

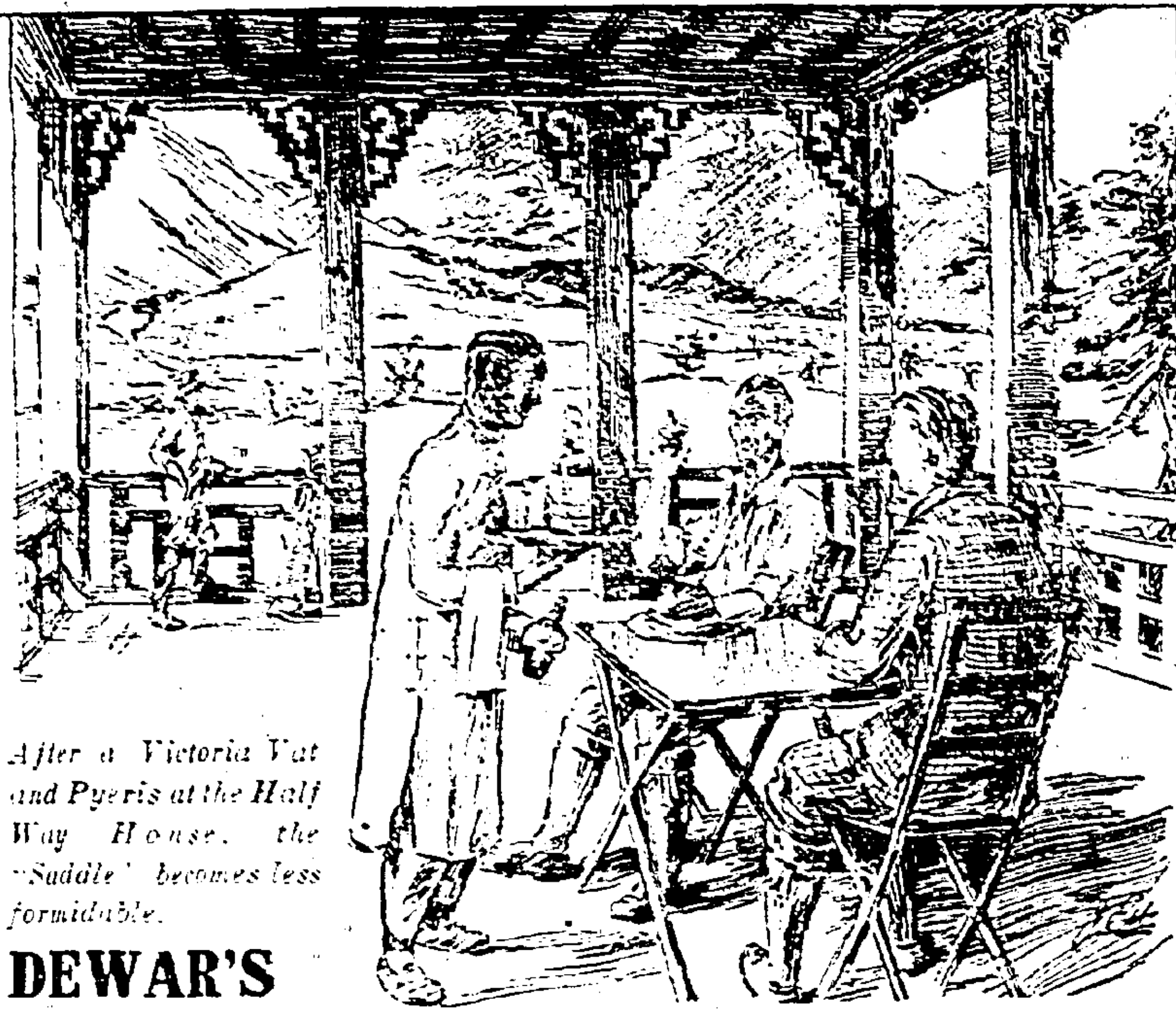
Tokyo, Dec. 19.—The Jiji reports
that Marquis Saonji, ex-Premier
and leader of the Seiyun-han, who is
74 years of age, has had a stroke
of paralysis at his home at Okita.
— Reuters.

ROBTLYN BOLSON.

Federal Prohibition Commis-
sioner Roy Bolson has issued a
statement in which he estimated
that 5,000 people have died in the
United States during the last
year from poisonous "bootleg"
liquor. Champions of the amend-
ment of modification of the pre-
sent Prohibition laws. Mr.
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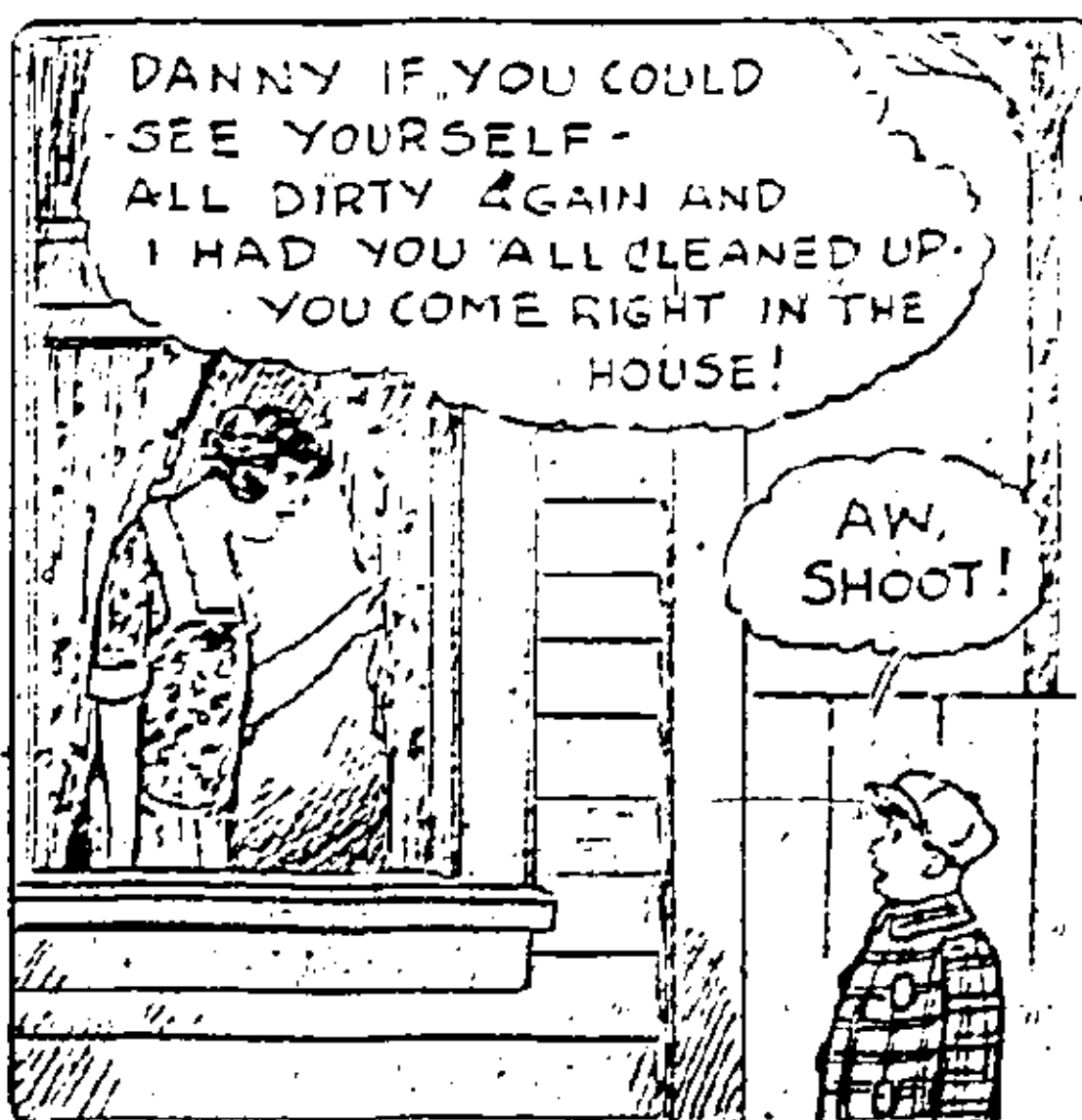
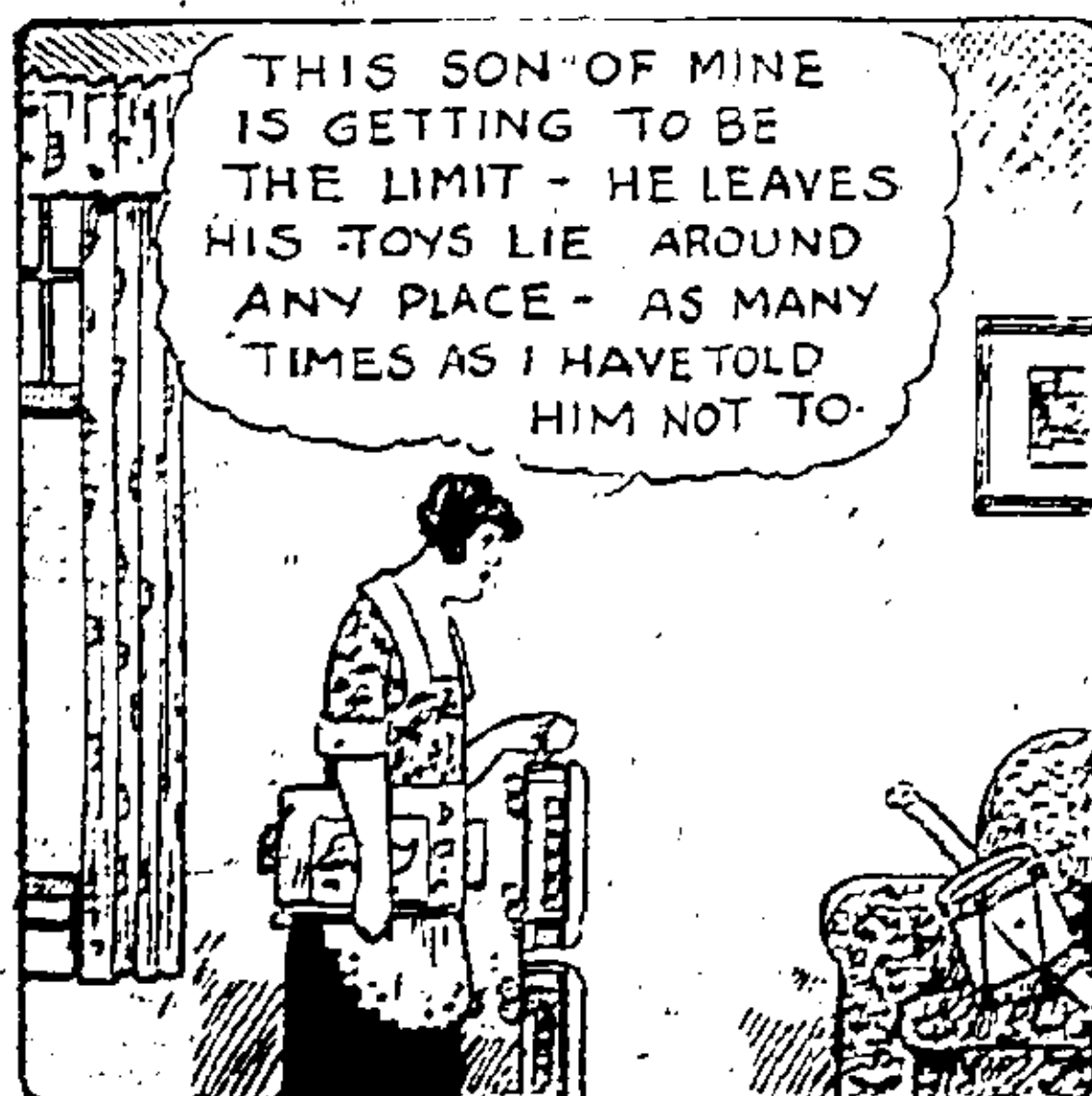
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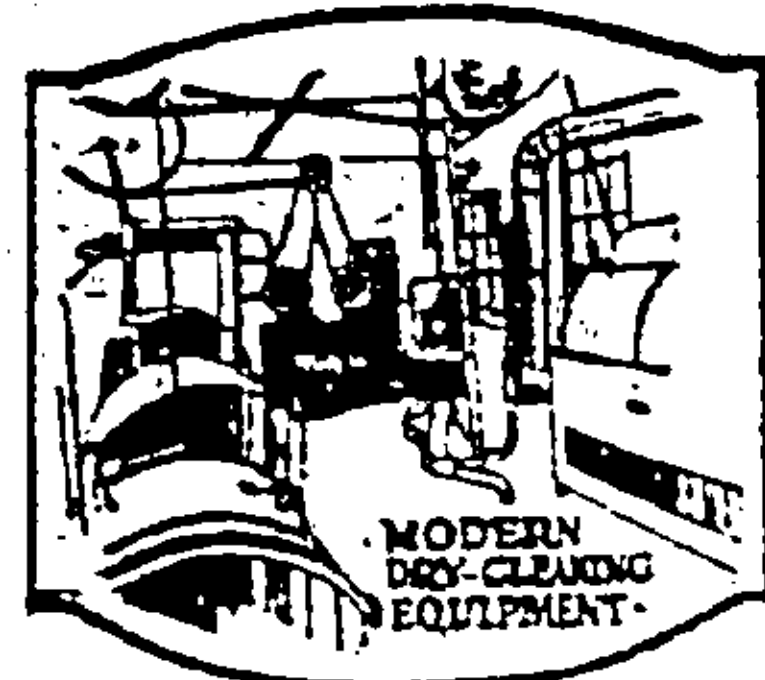
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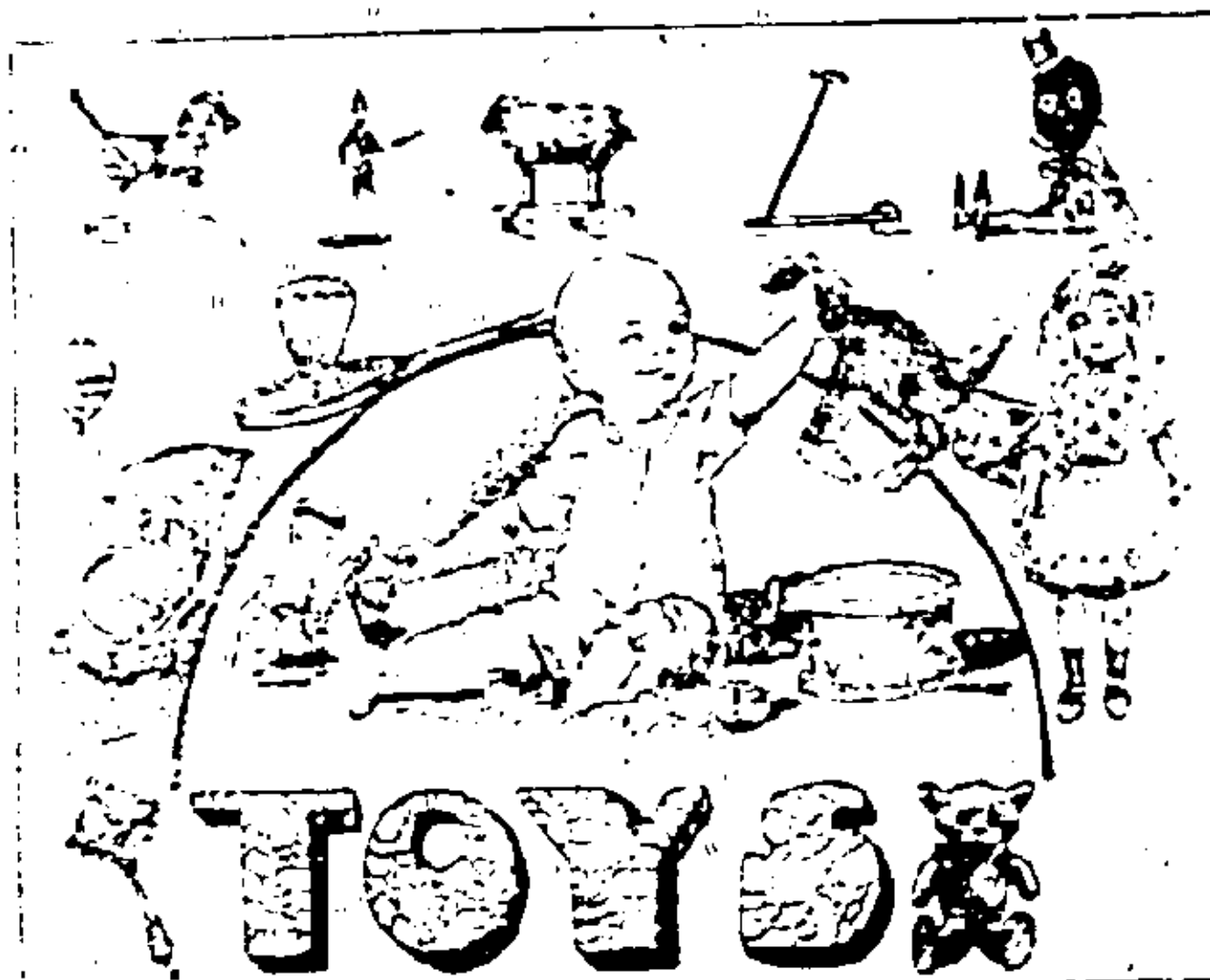


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CRICKET.

RIVAL UNIVERSITIES AT PLAY.

Following the example set by the local colleges educated at Oxford and Cambridge, the cricketers of the two Universities arranged a match which came off on the Hong-kong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon. Considerable interest was taken in the fixture, which resulted in a victory for the dark blues by 28 runs and one wicket.

Cambridge.

Rev. E. K. Quick, c and b
Wynne Jones, 31
Lt. D. Arty Evans, lb. w. Bird 14
R. E. Lindell, b. Sayer, 16
A. H. B. Niblett, c. Dean, b.
Wynne Jones, 9
W. Galloway, c. Hart, b. Bird, 16
G. C. Harris, b. Bird, 2
Lt. Col. W. N. Nichols, c. Sayer, 3
Fletcher, b. Sayer, 1
G. Miskin, b. Bird, 17
J. M. Ton, not out, 15
T. Mansel, b. Hart, 13
Sir Charles Stanger, c. Smith, b. Bird, 5
Extras, 10

Total, 128

Oxford.

G. R. Sayer, c. Smith, 77
J. E. Wynn, c. Quick, 13
A. S. Hart, c. Quick, 7
A. V. T. Brown, c. Evans, 11
Niblett, c. Dean, 11
A. G. M. Fisher, c. and b.
Quick, 9
A. E. Wynn, c. Sayer, 17
R. A. F. Henderson, c. Quick, 1
R. H. L. G. Sayer, c. and b. Sayer, 1
N. L. Smith, c. Niblett, 8
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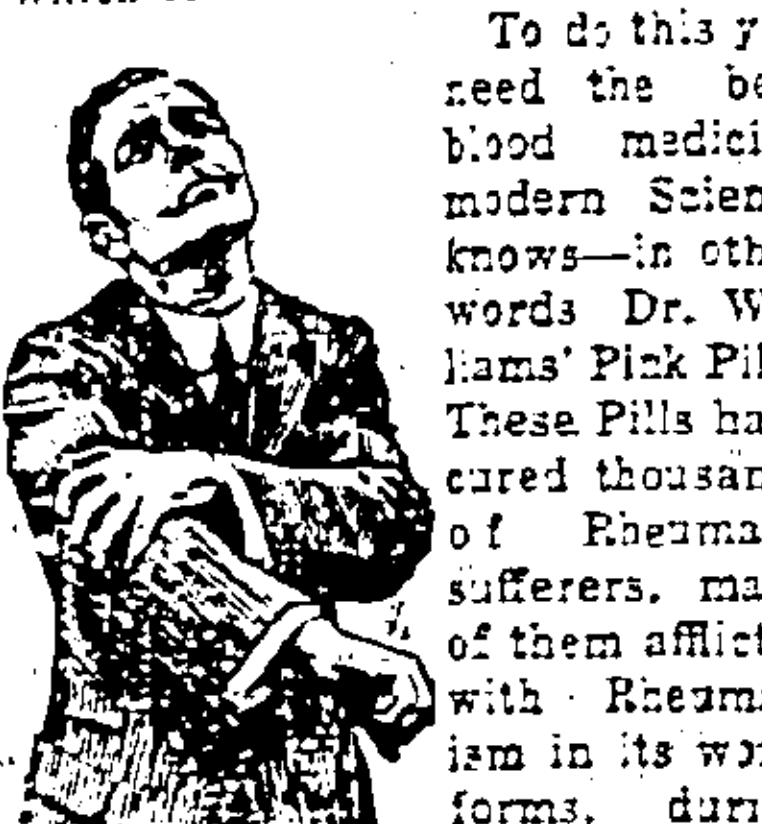
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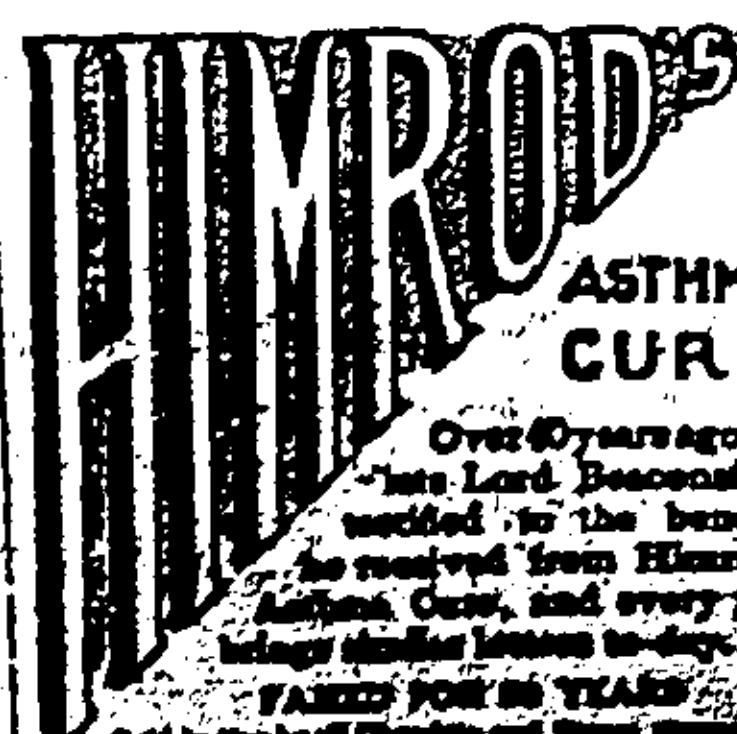
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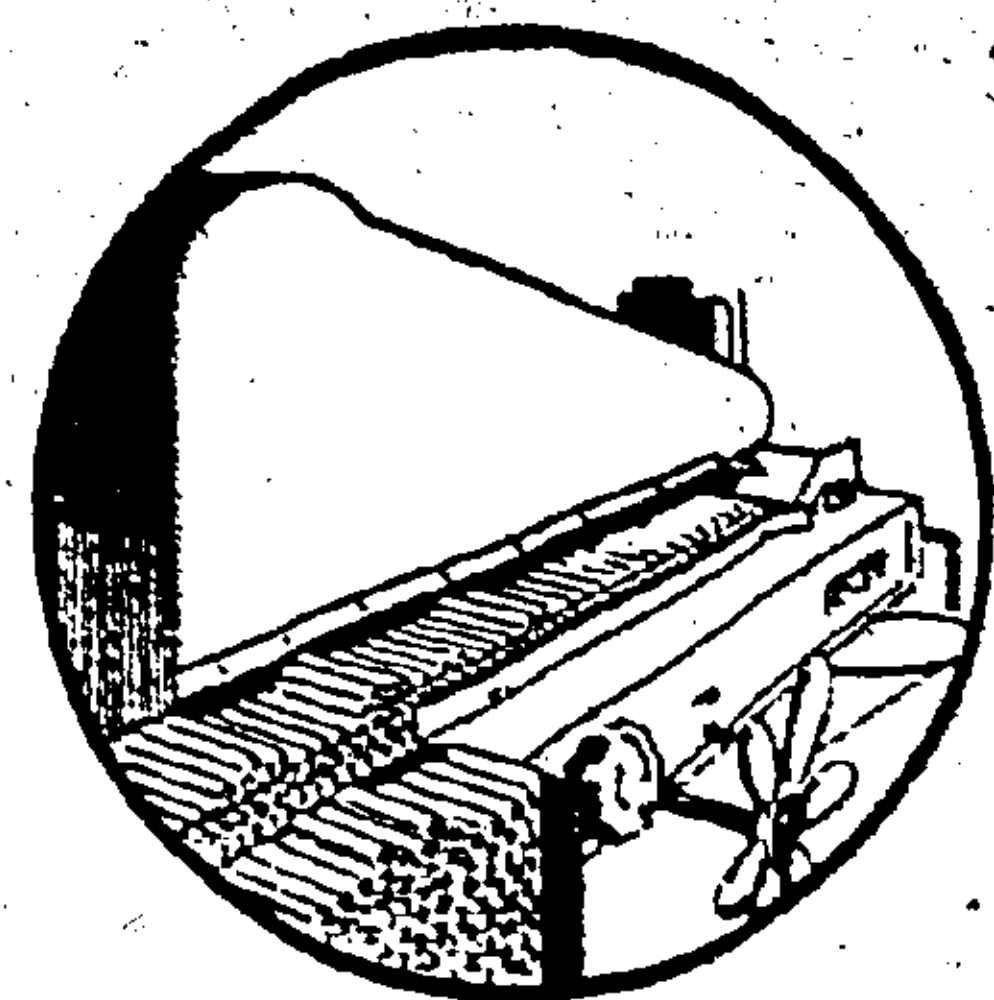
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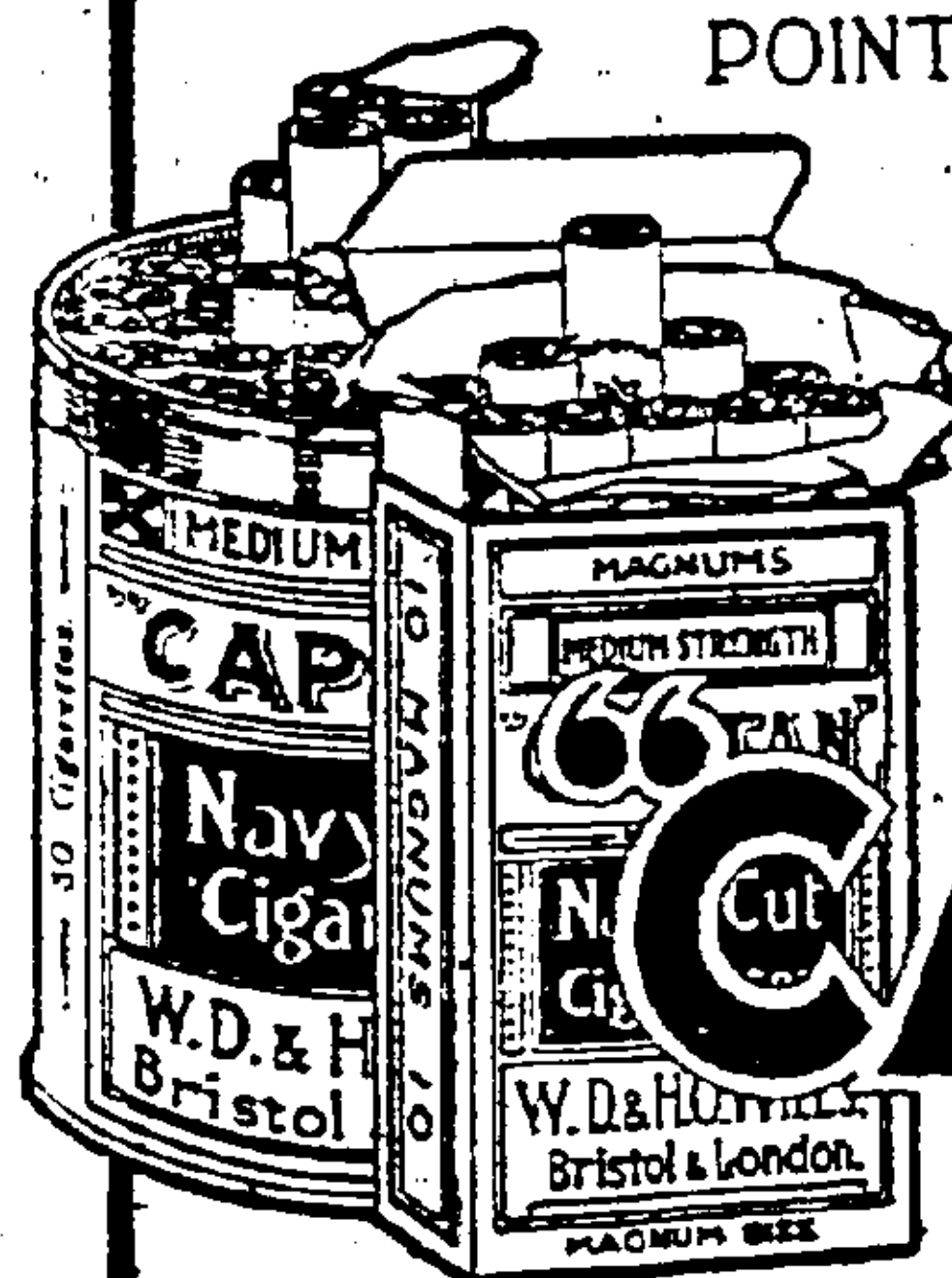
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Altogether there were 61 entries from five different vessels and the first six home from each team counted in the award for the cup.

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The first man to reach home was Lt. Wemyss, of H. M. S. Titania, who did the course in 24 minutes. He was followed by Lt. Thompson of the same ship. Third was A. B. Smith of H. M. S. Carlisle, and fourth A. B. Trondell of H. M. S. Diomedé.

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NOTICE.

ON Sunday, the 23rd, inst., all departments will be open for business until 5 p.m. On Monday, the 24th, inst., all departments will be open until 7 p.m. On these days, the Dispensing Department will remain open until 7.30 p.m.

On Christmas Day and Wed., 26th, December, all departments will be CLOSED. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. & from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 20th, December, 1923.

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THERE will be a Children's Fancy Dress Dance at the Helena May Institute tomorrow, Friday, December 21st. Tickets for children and adults, 75 cents each. Tea will be served from 4 o'clock.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.
No. S. 446.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries," will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924. Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender. Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upset Annual Deposit with Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
Ah Kung Ngam No. 1	2.15	\$ 650.00	\$ 60.00
Ah Kung Ngam No. 2	.93	280.00	50.00
Tai Tee Wan No. 1	1.84	300.00	50.00
Tai Tee Wan No. 2	1.84	300.00	50.00
Sai Tso Wan No. 1	17.00	3,400.00	340.00
Sai Tso Wan No. 2	14.50	2,900.00	300.00
Lyeumun No. 1	1.45	290.00	50.00
Lyeumun No. 2	1.60	360.00	50.00
Lyeumun No. 3	1.90	440.00	50.00
Lyeumun No. 4	.30	700.00	70.00
Lyeumun No. 5	3.52	2,940.00	300.00
Lyeumun No. 6	14.70	2,900.00	300.00
Lyeumun No. 7	10.39	2,080.00	200.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 1	6.92	1,380.00	140.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 2	9.17	1,820.00	180.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 3	11.46	2,390.00	230.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 4	10.30	2,050.00	200.00
Ngan Tau Kok No. 1	6.59	1,580.00	140.00
Ngan Tau Kok No. 2	12.94	2,590.00	250.00
Ngan Tau Kok No. 3	11.15	2,330.00	220.00
Ngan Tau Kok No. 4	6.67	1,130.00	110.00
Ngan Tau Kok No. 5	1.87	370.00	50.00
Ngan Tau Kok No. 6	3.58	716.00	70.00



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Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upset Annual Deposit with Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
Shauiwan Lot No. 1	37.00	\$1,550.00	\$550.00
Shauiwan Lot No. 2	40.38	6,060.00	600.00
Kowloon No. 1	11.10	4,440.00	450.00
Kowloon No. 2	7.04	2,820.00	280.00
Kowloon No. 3	4.00	1,600.00	160.00

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for Account of G. Matsumura (successor to Nikke).

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW, the 20th and 21st December, 1923, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Boundary Measurement.	Area in Acres.	Upset Annual Deposit with Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
1	As per map plan.	1.10	4,440.00	450.00

A spectator of the match contributes the following:—Colonel Butterworth's eleven scored a good victory over Major Hattersley Smith's eleven in this match. Major Hattersley Smith's eleven, batting first, made a bad start, but with the assistance of Captain Walker, Sgt. Percy and Captain Haigh were able to just top the century. Colonel Butterworth's eleven batted fairly evenly, Lieut. Armstrong getting his runs by good cricket all round. Pte. Eaton and Q.M. Sgt. Stripp also batting well for their scores, 20 and 23 respectively. Q. Mr. Sgt. Fink and Mr. Cnr. Rough bowled well for the latter and Q.M. Sgt. Jackson and Capt. Kent for the winning eleven.

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CRICKET.

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The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against H.K.C.C. at the latter's ground on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. sharp: Messrs. A. A. Rumahn (Capt.), H. N. Balch, E. K. Quick, M. H. Butler, A. S. Hett, T. O. Yeow, S. Hachina, D. Laing, A. Houlton, S. O. Shabudin and W. M. Gittins. Umpire:—Mr. R. A. Ponzenby. Scorer:—Mr. T. K. Kwok.

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The H.K.C.C. 1st XI against the University will be:—Messrs. T. E. Pearce (Capt.), A. A. Claxton, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Lammert, A. V. T. Dean, E. G. England, M. M. Mass and J. B. Bridger.

The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI against the University 2nd XI will be:—Messrs. H. E. Hollands (capt.), E. C. Haagen, C. R. Baron, G. H. Piercy, H. Griffin, D. Reid, W. W. Mackenzie, A. K. Mackenzie, E. P. Black, D. E. G. Nicholson and W. Brackenridge.

The H. K. C. C. "A" team against Craigengower on the latter's ground will be:—Messrs. D. H. F. Memaster (capt.), L. D. Mc Nicoll, R. M. Mcalpine, H. H. Taylor, P. Jacks, C. T. Fowle, J. Hancock, A. D. Armstrong, Lt. D. J. Allfree, Lt. A. L. Sutton and Lt. A. Stevens.

MILITARY CRICKET.

GARRISON TRIAL MATCH.

At Happy Valley yesterday a very interesting Garrison trial cricket match was played between teams captained by Colonel Butterworth and Major Hattersley Smith, respectively, the former winning by 89 runs, with a total of 196 to 107. For the winners, Lieut. Armstrong, of the East Surrey, knocked up the fine score of 71. Bowling for the losing side, R.M.S. Fritz took 4 for 19. Capt. Walker, R.A.M.C., was the highest scorer for the losers, with 31. Capt. Kent took three wickets for 16 runs.

A spectator of the match contributes the following:—Colonel Butterworth's eleven scored a good victory over Major Hattersley Smith's eleven in this match. Major Hattersley Smith's eleven, batting first, made a bad start, but with the assistance of Captain Walker, Sgt. Percy and Captain Haigh were able to just top the century. Colonel Butterworth's eleven batted fairly evenly, Lieut. Armstrong getting his runs by good cricket all round. Pte. Eaton and Q.M. Sgt. Stripp also batting well for their scores, 20 and 23 respectively. Q. Mr. Sgt. Fink and Mr. Cnr. Rough bowled well for the latter and Q.M. Sgt. Jackson and Capt. Kent for the winning eleven.



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No. 5 Queen's Road, Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, at noon on
the 14th. day of December, 1923,
when the sub-joined resolution
will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution that is to
say:—

"That the Company be wound
up voluntarily."
AND NOTICE IS ALSO
HEREBY GIVEN that a further
Extraordinary General Meeting
of the Company will be held at
the same time and place on the
4th. day of January, 1924, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of
the proceedings at the above
mentioned meeting and of con-
firming if thought fit as a Special
Resolution the above mentioned
Resolution.

A further Resolution will be
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for the appointment of a Liquidator
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poses of such winding up and
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L. S. GREENHILL,
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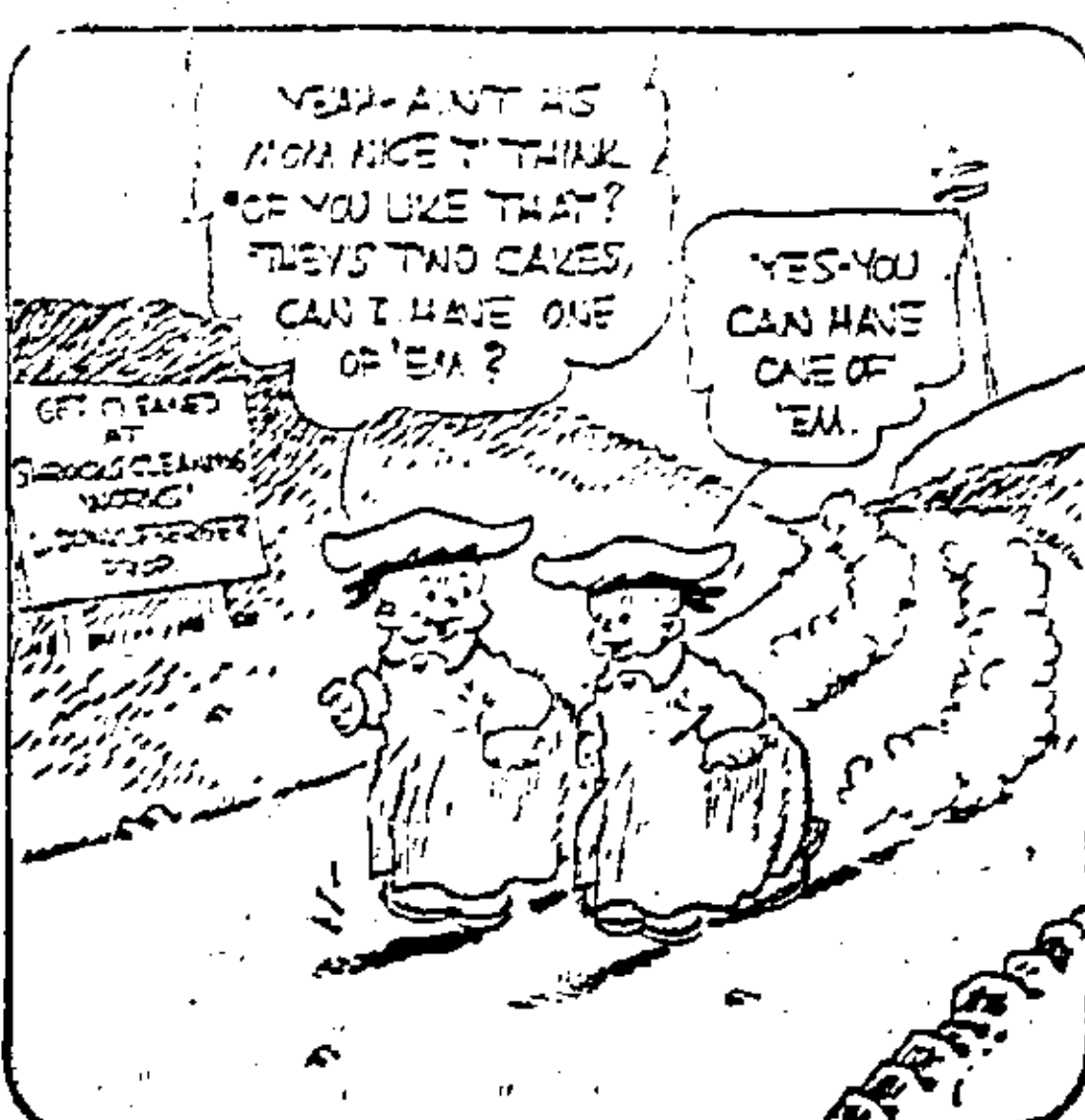
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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 20th Dec., 1923.

THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

Much has been said of late about the position in which ship-owners find themselves today, with hardly enough traffic, in some cases, to make both ends meet. Some of the larger shipping companies are still operating at more or less of a loss, meeting the annual deficit out of their reserves, which fortunately were swelled during the few prosperous years just before and immediately after the Armistice.

When the slump came, many owners were prepared to face a lean period in the hope that a return of prosperity would not be long with-held, but now they must be realising that a further spell of depression has come about. It is, as we have heard it termed, the super slump.

We learn of a gradually increasing total of ships laid up, of vessels being sold at less than cost price, and of wages falling steadily to an extent which must soon reach their irreducible minimum. One of the Conservative campaigners in the recent election stated his definite belief that protection—that alleged panacea for so many ills—would result in a return of business to the country's shipyards, and presumably better trading conditions for our ships. It certainly seems time our Government introduced retaliatory measures against those nations who discriminate against British shipping. However, that matter is one for further discussion. Protection would take very long to show results, if any, and protection has slight chance of getting on the statute books!

Let us turn to the authoritative summary contained in the annual report, for 1922-23, of Lloyd's Register of Shipping. It declares that no signs of early improvement are yet manifest. The causes of the situation remain unchanged, and the tonnage now afloat shows an increase of about sixteen million tons on the figures for June, 1914. It is well known, however, that

the present total includes a considerable number of vessels which for various reasons are not likely to be employed even in the event of a substantial revival of trade; and in this connection it is worthy of note that during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1923, some 300 vessels, of about 625,000 tons, were broken up or dismantled, as being no longer economically efficient. Still, shipowners in general are unable to see in the near future any probability of such an increased demand for tonnage as would induce them to place orders for new vessels. So much for the future. There is a constant increase of supply, without the demand that would justify it economically. Thus we find that the total tonnage of merchant vessels afloat at the end of June, 1923, holding the Society's classification amounts to 28,208,206 tons, and is the highest total yet recorded, exceeding by nearly a million tons the similar figure for last year. It is hardly practicable to have restriction in shipbuilding the "remedy" would be worse than the disease, with the thousands of shipyard workers who would be rendered idle; apart from the pernicious precedents that would arise. Britain alone, it would seem, can do nothing. The shipping slump is world-wide, and the remedy is a matter of international concern. It is a gloomy outlook indeed.

Public Health.

It was an interesting and important discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Sanitary Board regarding measures taken to combat disease spread by mosquitoes. The main fact which emerged from the discussion was that four-fifths of the Sanitary Inspectors are employed on anti-plague work. It may have been, as Mr. Sayer said, that the Board was originally formed for all insects and purposes, a Plague Department, but that, in our way of thinking, is no reason why it should for ever remain so. Whilst realising that plague and small-pox are serious diseases against which the authorities need to be always on the alert, we do hope that the question of adequately coping with the causes which lead to malaria and dengue will be taken up in all seriousness. We are left with an impression, after Tuesday's debate, that all is not being done that could be in this respect. The proposed survey of malarial and swampy lands by the M.O.H. and the drainage authorities is a wise step, from which we trust that a workable scheme of combating malaria and dengue will be evolved. It may be quite true that the Board will never be able to eliminate domestic mosquitoes altogether, but that is no reason why it should not concentrate on this aspect of our local health problem, especially seeing that there is a very marked incidence both of malaria and dengue amongst the European population. If the present staff is not big enough, then, in the interests of public health, it must be enlarged.

Distorting the Facts.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's message "to my friends, the American people" cannot but be regarded as anything other than a distortion of the facts arising out of the Customs dispute. He speaks of an American admiral "being" in Canton waters "to join those who wish to crush us so that the Republic in China shall perish." We are not aware that any U.S. officer of that rank is anywhere near Canton. Elsewhere in this message he refers to American guns being trained "on this unfortified city of Canton" and accuses the officers and men of the U.S. Fleet of wishing to "shoot us." These statements, we have no hesitation in saying, are a deliberate parodying of the actual situation. We have heard a good deal of late about alleged threats by the Powers to bombard Canton if Dr. Sun persists in his attitude regarding the Customs revenues. All that may be written down as sheer nonsense. Yet Dr. Sun himself lends colour to such reports and would have the American people believe that the act is in contemplation. The unfortunate

DAY BY DAY.

NO DEGREE OF KNOWLEDGE ATTAINABLE BY MAN IS ABLE TO SET HIM ABOVE THE WANTS OF HOURLY ASSISTANCE.—JANSON.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock returned by the s.s. Suwa Maru.

There were eleven further cases of small-pox notified yesterday, of which two were Japanese and the rest Chinese.

The dedicatory service of the chapel of the Stout Memorial Hospital Wuchow, is to take place on Sunday afternoon next.

Short time working is becoming more prevalent in Shanghai cotton mills and it is believed the position will be worse by China New Year.

At Queen's Road East yesterday, taxi No. 981 knocked down and injured a Chinese boy, 14 years of age. The boy was taken to hospital.

At the Magistracy this morning, Mr. E. W. Hamilton passed sentence of two months' imprisonment on a Chinese who was convicted of theft of tools from a motor-car, parked in Statue Square, two nights ago.

The Italian Grand Opera Company gave a fine performance of "Carmen" at the Theatre Royal last night to a most appreciative audience. The solo work and choruses were finely rendered and many demonstrations of approval were given.

A new appointment of Inspector of Chinese Schools F. M. S. with office in Kuala Lumpur, which operates from the beginning of next year, has now been temporarily filled by Mr. Chan Kwan, Po, who is a graduate of the Hongkong University, and has for the past two years been engaged in Singapore.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in March at Shanghai, between Miss Helen Margaret Benson (daughter of Mr. C. Benson, late of the Indian Civil Service, Madras, and of Haydon, Lyme Regis, Dorset, England) and Dr. William B. A. Moore, Government Medical Officer in charge of Kowloon and the New Territories.

From the import department of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., we have received an extremely well produced desk blotter and calendar issued by the Nobel Industries, Ltd., a combine of British firms for which Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. are agents. The blotter is strongly bound in art-leather which is the product of one of Nobel's associated companies.

The two men before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Criminal Sessions, charged with conspiracy, were both found guilty at the conclusion of the evidence, yesterday afternoon, one of the accused also being found guilty of sending a threatening letter. Sentence was postponed until Jan. 21st to see if in the meantime the accused could do anything to obtain the release of the kidnapped boy.

It is not often that the so-called "comedy" film makes much pretence to possessing a plot, but in "A Small Town Idol," the six-reel Mack Sennett attraction at the Coronet to-day, there is as much story as in the average drama. Ben Turpin is the leading light and the story is adorned by the presence in the cast of Phyllis Haver and Marie Prevost, the two most seductive of the famous Sennett beauties.

thing is that people in the States, who may read this message, will really think that this is the intention of the American and other naval officers now assembled in the Canton river. Dr. Sun knows as well as anybody that the foreign naval forces are where they are, not with any ideas whatever of aggressive action. They are there to protect the Customs revenues and prevent them from being diverted to irregular channels, if such action becomes necessary. Their misadventure is purely defensive. To talk of crushing the Republic and shooting down a peaceful Chinese is a sheer travesty of the situation.

CRICKET NOTES

BY
THE "ARMCHAIR"
CRITIC

Phew! Hectic batting, fast enough to please even such a notorious grouser as myself—221 in one hour and fifteen minutes is bustling. I'll tell the world!

Claxton got 106 in 49 minutes and retired. He was let off early in his innings and then proceeded to demonstrate what real contempt was. Four sixes and eighteen fours were included in his bag. Phew! again.

Owen Hughes got 61 in 24 minutes by means of every run getting shot in the book, and quite a few out. One six and six fours to him. More meanwhile had been watching the others bat, and at 48 wisely decided to retire. After the first twenty minutes, the Craigengower fielding was truly terrible. They were completely demoralised and made no attempt to conceal the fact.

Craigengower got 36. Altogether a walk-over for the Club.



"A WALK-OVER"

Kowloon received a trouncing from the Navy, both first and second elevens being beaten. The Navy are a greatly improved side, and it is pleasant to think that they are once again a power in the land. Their attack is not over strong, but if Gould continues to be as successful as he was on Saturday, they will scarcely have anything to fear in this direction. Kowloon are not very powerful this season, and I fear that the "local Derby" will this year be somewhat one-sided.

Straws which show the way the wind blows. Kowloon skipper won the toss and put his opponents "in." Craigengower also preferred to bat last. Both League games. One need not seek far to find the reason, and it is deplorable that Saturday cricket, which is intended to be recreation, should develop these unpleasant aspects. The competitive spirit is a great thing, but it can be carried too far.

I foresee the time when the cheery, large-hearted cricket of the Colony will degenerate into a journey of venom and malice, and all for the sake of scratching a couple of miserable points on a

rotten table. I feel that one of these days I shall be damned rude to the League.

The shock of the week was, of course, the defeat of the Civil Service by the Gunners—doubly unfortunate, following so closely on my favourable comments on the Civil Service. Possibly it's a case of "Pride comes"—etc. (as a friend of mine ironically suggested). However, these things will happen in the best of regulated cricket clubs—that is why the game is so attractive and full of charm. I congratulate the R.G.A. and especially Rough, whose intensive bombardment was the determining factor.

Not for nothing is he a Master Gunner.

The Indians almost suffered defeat at the hands of the University in a friendly (mark the word!) game. The University turned their batting order upside down, Rumbhain, Quick and Balhatchet being Nos. 8, 9 and 10 respectively. At first it seemed that they were in for a licking, the first three Indian batsmen amassing 83 against their opponents' total of 129, but later the wickets fell rapidly; due to the bowling of Quick, who took 5 for 16, the



"WICKETS FALL RAPIDLY"

later figure being the exact amount the last eight men made! An interesting team, my University, whose interpretation of the word "Cricket" is not limited to the bat and ball.

Cribbed:—
If "How's that?" I loudly shout,
Let him promptly answer "Out!"
If, perchance, I bowl a wide,
Let him cough and look aside;
If my toe slip o'er the crease,
Let him sigh, but hold his peace.
If he cry "No ball!" to me,
What care I how fair he be?
When they catch me near the ground,
Let him think 'twas on the bound;
Let him against me they appeal
Let him hesitate feal;
Let me profit by the doubt,
Tourney of venom and malice, and
Let him never give me out.
If he will not favour me,
What care I how fair he be?

HOCKEY.

UNITED SERVICES TOURNAMENT.

In their match in the United Services hockey tournament, the H.K.S.R.G.A. and Grenadiers team (British) had no difficulty in defeating the R. A. by eight goals to one. The R. A. forwards were very weak, and their backs were too slow to check the opposing forward line.

In the first half, the H.K.S.R.G.A. and Grenadiers scored three goals before the R. A. obtained their one and only point; and the former team added two more goals before the half-time whistle sounded. Capt. Newton-King secured four out of the five goals, and Capt. Dods the other.

In the second half, Capt. Dods added two further points for his side, and Lieut. Aucott scored the eighth and last. The R. A. were entirely on the defensive during this half, the ball being most of the time in their "twenty-five." Their goalkeeper saved some very hot shots, and was thus responsible for preventing an even bigger defeat.

For the winners, Lieut. Parkes played an excellent game at centre half, tackling and passing places.

well. Major Coates was very useful at back, and played a hard, fast game. Forward, Capt. Dods throughout played a very hard game, and combined well with the inside forwards.

The R. A. team evidently had not had much practice, for they showed very little combination. Major Cruickshank played a stout game at half, but lacked pace. The goalkeeper were very weak, and their backs had plenty to do, and gave a very good display in the second half.

As the umpire provided by the R. A. did not turn up, Capt. Swinton, of the East Surreys, kindly consented to take the whole ground, and did it very well.

OTHER LEAGUE MATCHES.

The match between the East Surreys and R. E. Staff and Depts. arranged for Saturday, has been postponed.

H. M. S. Hawkins will play the Light Cruisers team one day in the latter part of next week.

A report from Canton states that the Government has agreed to the terms of a syndicate for the imposition of taxes on mah jong players. The syndicate offers to pay \$400 daily as revenue and \$120 more per day as "official presents." The tax will only apply to playing in public places.

THE ART CLUB.

A PERSONAL JUDGMENT.

We are not among those who think that this year's exhibition of work by members of the Hong-kong Art Club, held yesterday in the Helena May Institute, was below the standard of former years. It is true that the number of exhibits was not so great, but the general excellence was as high as anything we have previously seen at these Club exhibitions. There was plenty of evidence, anyhow, that the members had actually gone out into the open with paints and sketch-book and had endeavoured to catch the details and impression of what they had seen. There were fewer obvious signs of subsequent "touching-up"—a fault so common and generally so disastrous with amateur artists. There was nothing on exhibition to excite one's ridicule or commiseration; a test which very few amateur exhibitions ever survive. There was merit, or signs of it, in everything hung. In saying so much we do not mean that everything was excellent, but that very many of the studies, by their ambitious nature, might very easily have been hopeless failures. A Club which cannot together nearly 90 examples of amateur art and not have one single "atrocious" on exhibition is surely achieving something worth while. It is educating its members, anyhow.

Appreciation of any picture is largely an individual matter; a subject may please or fail to please, according to personal taste. And in what follows there is, as there must be, just the personal judgment of the writer.

Mr. C. Peake Anderson had the best picture on show. It was No. 5, "Junks Praya East Reclamation." It was characterised by careful drawing, a fine discrimination in the use of colour, and had warmth and reality. Mr. Anderson had four other pictures on view, but in none of them save perhaps that of Mount Kellett from below the Dairy Farm, had he caught the spirit of colour of the scene so well.

Mrs. Byrd's portrait of an interior (No. 29) was marked by very natural lights and shades and by accurate perspective. It was, in fact, quite a surprising attempt, seeing how difficult interiors are. Mrs. Byrd's portrait picture was also quite good.

Mr. C. H. Blason had only one picture (No. 21, Line Fishing) and it was a good one. There was atmosphere, the sky especially reflecting that of the artist and made a study of this subject.

The best of Mrs. C. B. Brown's work was No. 37, "Hamma Island from Mt. Kellett." The idea of distance and height was well conveyed, whilst the tones were especially good. The majority of Mrs. Brown's work suffered from over colour, but the one noted above was a pleasing exception.

Mrs. Gumpert, who had 17 pictures on show, had achieved her best in No. 41, "Rocky Coast Castle Peak," because she had succeeded in giving a picture which the eye could take in as a whole, quite naturally. There was no call to travel from object to object on the canvas, before knowing what it was all about. The general assembly was excellent and the drawing and coloring distinctly good.

Mrs. McPherson undertook a daring subject in No. 61, "Tide," and she accomplished her task so well that the picture was easily her best. The background, though secondary, was excellent in its conception and had the effect of keeping together and making a picture of what might otherwise have been just a row of naked trees.

Mrs. Sawyer accomplished one picture of high merit in No. 74, "Sai Wan," there being reality and warmth in the view together with fine judgment in the use of colour.

The other exhibitors were Mrs. Aubrey, who made quite a big contribution, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. Berg, Mrs. Walter Lane, Mrs. H. K. Prosser, Mr. E. F. R. Sample, Mr. V. Trambitzky and Mr. E. A. Ram. Excellent photographs were sent in by Mr. C. H. Blason, Dr. Woodman and Mrs. Murray.

DOCTOR'S SACRIFICE.

In opening a new X-ray department and electric lift at Weymouth District Hospital as a memorial to the late Dr. James Miller, one of the hospital surgeons, Sir Humphrey Rolleston said the doctor sacrificed himself for the poor. He went about his work in the hospital with a temperature of 104, and then died in the hospital.

KOWLOON JUNIOR BRITISH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL REPORT AND PRIZE LIST.

Kowloon Junior British School is holding its prize-giving this afternoon. The function is preceded by sports whilst later tea will be served. Mr. E. Cock is distributing the prizes.

THE REPORT.

The report of the Head Mistress (Miss H. F. Skinner) states:—The school year began in January with 46 children on the roll, and reached a maximum of 61. Daily attendance of pupils has been, on the whole, good, particularly for a Junior School, and compares favourably with last year. The average percentage for last year was 89; this year it is 88. Miss Bailey, who holds the certificates of the National Froebel Union (Kindergarten), arrived from England and commenced duties here in September. In the actual work of the school no pronounced changes have been made, with the exception of drill, which subject certainly takes a happier and, in consequence, a more beneficial form. Miss Dyer, a qualified and trained physical culturist, visits the school twice each week. The children love their work with her and already since June—she observes a distinct improvement in their general deportment. Miss Dyer also gives, where necessary, special care to special cases, being qualified to do so. Dr. Woodman took the half-yearly medical inspection this month and pronounced himself fully satisfied with the children's health and with general conditions. I said no changes of moment had been made in the actual work of the school. That is so, but a change has been made with regard to the hours of study. Whereas previously each day during the winter months we have had an afternoon session, this year it has been discontinued, and summer hours are now permanently adopted. As far as actual teaching hours are concerned, nothing is lost by this change and much gained. In summer the hours that are now permanent the junior classes have 35 minutes more teaching than in winter. Classes 7 and 8 have 55 minutes less. This difference in classes 7 and 8 is actually five minutes less. Divinity each day in the summer 30 minutes; five minutes taken for assembly each afternoon in the winter 25 minutes; thus accounting for the 55 minutes difference between summer and winter hours. The benefit derived from this change is unquestionable for the morning hours in a Junior School are of infinitely greater teaching value than those of the afternoon. In the afternoon, after 11 a.m. the child's chief meal of the day, children are more or less dull and unresponsive.

During the year the pupils have enjoyed several educational outdoor excursions. The two Senior classes have had successful nature walks. In September, Mr. Ray very kindly invited the children to the Star Theatre to see a picture of "Robin Hood." All went, with the exception of the two junior classes, and the picture was much appreciated. A series of visits to the Museum, which had been planned for the days between the close of summer examinations and the commencement of summer holidays, had unfortunately to be abandoned, because it was found, on the children's first visit there, that only a small part of the Museum was open to the public, as the building was being subjected, apparently, to some yearly turn-out. We are hoping the same spring-cleaning is not going to occur this year towards the end of July, as it is the only time that can be afforded for a somewhat lengthy, though valuable, excursion. Another delightful, if not entirely educational invitation the school had, was to visit a carnival that was being held in Kowloon. For a whole happy hour, the children had the grounds to themselves—the swings, the roundabouts, the big wheel, the coconut shies, and the animals! Although there were between 50 and 60 children, no accident, of even a slight nature, occurred to spoil our afternoon. There was certainly the case of one small person, who, seated on the roundabout horses, began to get whiter and whiter. At length he considered it advisable hastily to disappear; but within a few moments the same small person was seated on the same offending horses, careering round as gaily as before.

At the beginning of the School year, December 3rd, eight children were promoted to the Senior School. Two Scholarships are granted to the Kowloon

SUN TROOPS RETREAT.

CHAN CLAIMS A SUCCESS.

A report from Sheklung states that General Chan King-ming's forces have recaptured Tsangtsing and that Dr. Sun's forces have retreated to Sheklung and Shektan. It is added that Sun's troops at Cheung Mok Tao, for fear of being cut off, have retreated.

It is reported from the North River river district that General Shum Hui-ying's force has arrived at Lok Cheong and will co-operate with the Northern troops to attack Shikwan.

Another report states that General Sham Fong-hin has reached the neighbourhood of Lin Kang Hoo. From the same source comes a report that Dr. Sun's troops at Cheung Mok Tao, on the Canton-Kowloon line, are moving back to Canton and that they will be transferred to the Canton-Hankow Railway line between Canton and Yintak.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

A meeting of the Legislative Council took place in the Council Chamber this afternoon, when H. E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), presided.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The following financial minutes were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently passed:

\$800 in aid of the vote Bacteriological Institute, and Mortuaries. Other Charges, Animals and Fodder.

\$25,000 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Grant in aid of Charitable Institution: John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton.

\$82,000 in aid of the vote Imports and Exports Department: Other Charges, Opium, Purchase of Raw Opium, &c.

\$11,050 in aid of the following votes:—Medical Department: Civil Hospital: Bedding and Clothing, \$7,400; Cleansing Materials, \$350; Furniture, \$3,300.

\$4,100 in aid of the following votes: Fire Brigade: Incidental Expenses, \$100; Repairs to Motor Engines and Plant, \$300; Repairs to Floating Engines, \$300.

BILLS PASSED.

The following Bills were read a second and third time and passed:

An Ordinance to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912.

An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Opium.

An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1909.

An Ordinance to confer certain powers of arrest on forest officers.

An Ordinance to amend the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to regulate the admission of persons into the Colony of Hongkong.

Junior School, one to be gained in each of the senior classes. Eileen Steel has won the Scholarship in Class 7. Eileen also held it last year, and in Class 8, Iris Woolley. The Scholarship entitles the winner to one year's tuition.

PRIZE LIST.

The prize list is as follows:—Class 7, School Scholarship; drawing, Una Mitchell.

Class 8, Class Prize, Iris Woolley; drawing, Morrison Rousseau.

Class 9, Class Prize, May Witchell; handwork, May Witchell.

Class B, Class Prize, Peggy McCaw; handwork, Basil Thompson.

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Christmas Puddings

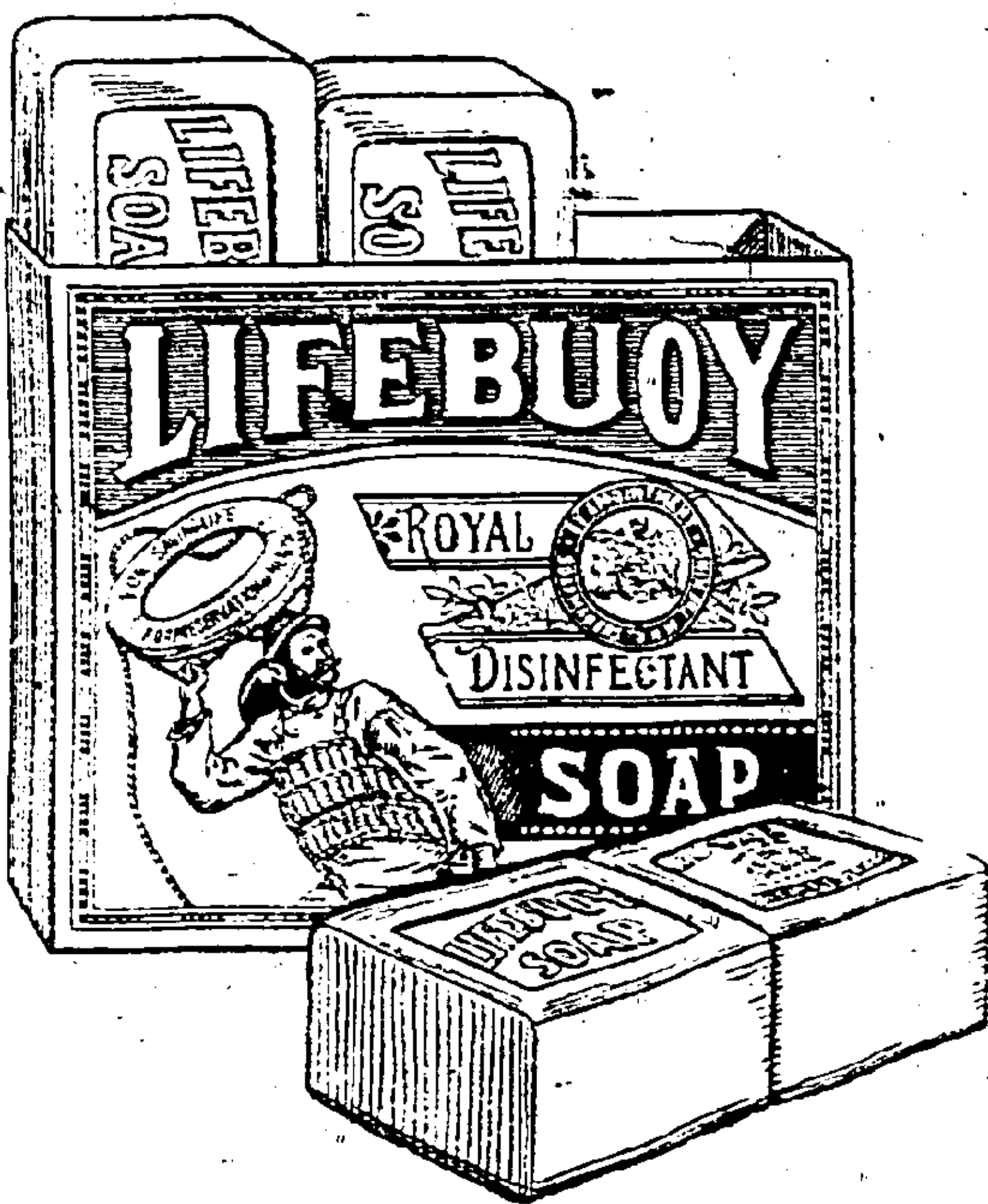
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OPERA COMPANY.

CHANGE OF OPERA FOR TONIGHT.

Owing to the illness of Miss Ambrosio it will be impossible for the Italian Opera Company to present "Madam Butterfly" tonight as arranged. In its place, however, will be given "Lucia de Lammermoor" and tickets already purchased will be, of course, still valid.

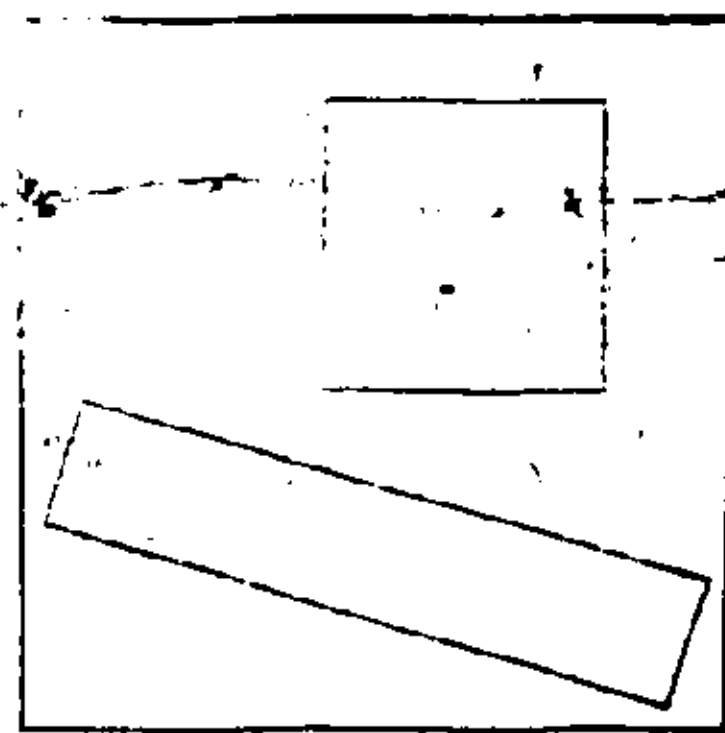
The Company leave Hongkong tomorrow for Shanghai.

THE STAR.

"YELLOW TYPHOON" Anita Stewart is the star of "Yellow Typhoon," the exciting drama of secret intrigue which occupies the screen tonight at the Star. The story, by Harold McGrath, was widely read in book form, and the picture loses nothing of the punch of the original.

Anita Stewart has the double role of "Yellow Typhoon," the woman who persistently outwits the secret police, and her twin sister Rhoda. The story is concerned with plots and plotters, with much of the action laid in Manila and the Orient. There are enough twists to the narrative, however, to make "Yellow Typhoon" highly interesting.

A PUZZLE A DAY.



Divide the oblong into five pieces, which will fit together to form the square. The oblong is five times as long as it is wide. This is the problem that confronted the carpenter, who wished to make a square cover. It may be worked backward if you wish by cutting the square into five pieces that will form the oblong.

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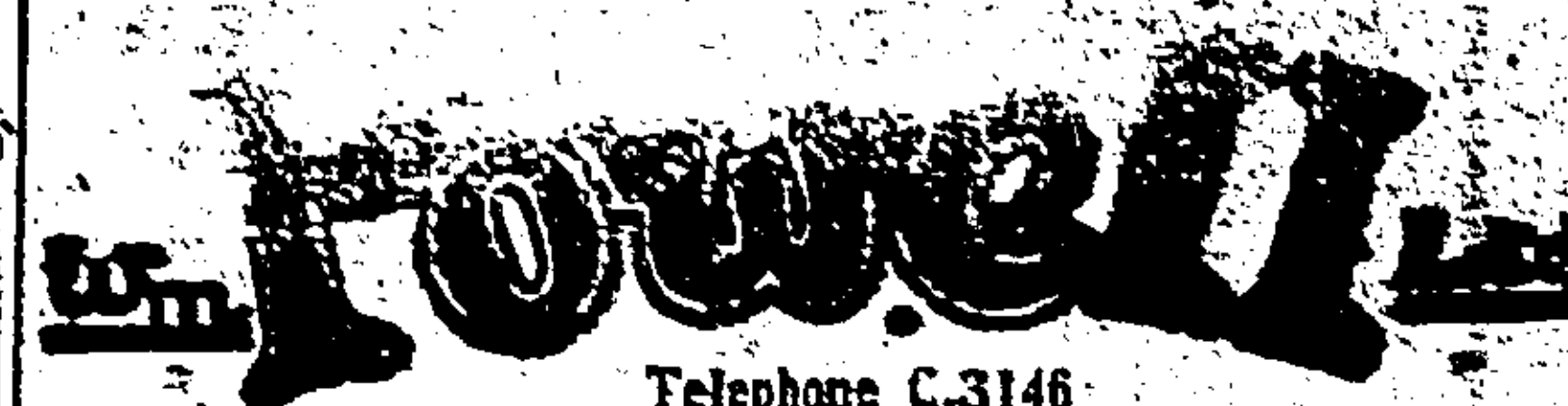
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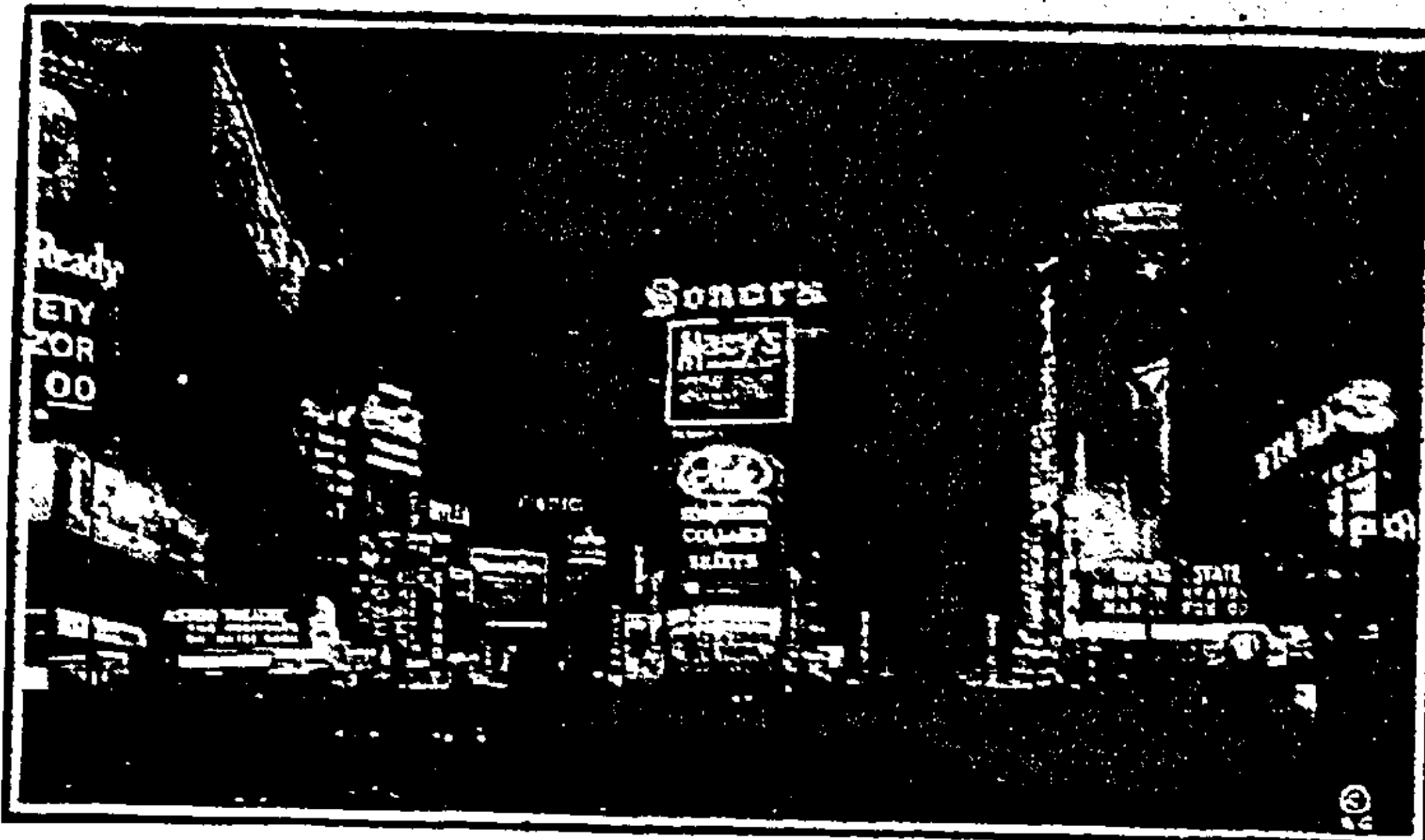
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CAMERA NEWS.



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This old fellow, after waiting in line for hours, spent several millions of marks for a loaf of bread. Raids upon the baker shops of Berlin have necessitated police regulation in the German capital.



Old women are Germany's chief sufferers. This picture might well be called the greatest human interest photograph to come from the "new" Germany. It shows them waiting patiently at a Salvation Army soup station. They are holding coupons—money is worthless.



The former Crown Prince of Germany has returned to his family at Oels. This shows some members of his family. Top shows his wife and two daughters; inset, left to right, Prince Wilhelm and Prince Louis Ferdinand.



Katherine Lee, of Chicago, 17-year-old athlete, who recently cleared 5 feet 0 1/4 inch in a high jump.



This shows Bob Martin, U.S. Expeditionary Force heavyweight champion, as he looks in his new role, that of a state trooper in West Virginia.

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NOTHING NEW.

Rugby Football in Ancient Athens.

Sir Edgar Wigram writes to the *Times*:—Archaeologists at Athens have been recently investigating the walls of Themistocles (erected in 478 B.C.); and have been gratified to find confirmation of the statement of the Father of History that, in the urgency of the occasion, and the shortage of building material, the builders were constrained to utilize any old tombstones and statue bases that they could find available at the time.

One such base—known as the "Base of the Athletes"—has been extracted from the wall and set up in the Athens Museum. It bears on its two faces two archaic but spirited bas-reliefs, representing (a) six youths playing hockey, and (b) six youths playing Rugby football. It is not pretended, of course, that the players are observing modern rules exactly. But in the "Rugby" panel the ball is the size of a football; and one of the "backs" has caught it, and is about to throw it forward, while his two "forwards" are prepared to follow up the throw with a charge. Throwing is no greater a violation of existing rules than Ellis's famous run was of the rules of his day; and, indeed, if we may assume that the incident depicted is "a throw-in from touch," there is no need to infer any violation of existing rules at all.

Perhaps, instead of celebrating the first century of Rugby football, we ought to be celebrating the twenty-fourth.

BRITISH CHESS EXPERT FOR INDIA.

Subject to the necessary financial arrangements being made, the Council of the British Chess Federation have decided to try to meet the request from the Indian unit by sending the British Champion, Sir G. A. Thomas, to India in the cold weather of 1924-25. It is hoped that Sir George will be able to play in a series of matches with the best Indian chess experts in Bombay and Calcutta. Sir George's visit will also interest India's tennis players, as he ranks almost as high in the lawn tennis world as in chess.

MODERN LIGHT CRUISERS.

Writing on the Government's decision to resume the construction of light cruisers, Mr. Hector C. Bywater, in the *N. & M. Review*, considers what the other Powers are doing. With the exception of one ship, or at most two, launched in Japan recently, all foreign cruisers building or projected are of large dimensions of the ocean-going type, as distinct from the class of "fleet cruisers," so numerous in the British Navy. Japan has gained a long lead in cruising ships since the war, and it possesses an imposing fleet of large, swift and seaworthy ships. Ignoring the two Taisutas and the newly-completed Yubari, which are small but very fast ships, obviously designed for duty with the Fleet, there are now 11 cruisers averaging 3,600 tons, all of which made or exceeded 33 knots on trial, and are remarkable for their excellent nautical qualities. Three further ships are still building, so that the total establishment of these so-called "medium" cruisers will eventually reach 14 units.

Of later design are the four ships of the Kake or Furutaka class, two of which are on the stocks and two more to be commenced this year. In these the displacement is 7,210 tons, maximum speed 34 knots, and 8-inch guns of a new and very powerful mark will replace the 5.5-inch weapons with which the "medium" ships are uniformly armed. The last of these four big cruisers is due for commissioning in 1926, and as the Naval Minister recently announced that the building programme would not be affected by the earthquake disaster, this date is evidently to be adhered to. Larger and more powerful in every respect are the four "semi-armoured" cruisers which complete the Japanese programme. Whether work has actually started is not known positively, but the first two were ordered from the Kure and Sasebo Dockyards in the spring of this year, so that the keels have very probably been laid by now. It is understood the third and fourth ships will be put in hand early next year. One was to have been built at Yokosuka, but the almost total destruction of that dockyard will necessitate the placing of the work elsewhere.

OLD NAMES REVIVED.

Owing to their size and importance, it is proposed to bestow on these four ships names which commemorate the old battleships that made history in the war with Russia, so that a new *Fuji*, a new *Asahi*, a new *Shikishima*, etc., may be found under the Chrysanthemum flag. High speed, formidable armament, and large fuel capacity will be distinctive features. Normal displacement will be 10,000 tons, and they will mount six or eight 8-inch guns in turrets. These ships are due for completion not later than 1927. By that date, therefore, Japan will have the following modern cruiser: Fourteen "medium" type about 3,600 tons; four "heavy" 7,210 tons; and four "semi-armoured," 10,000 tons—a total of 22 ships, all suitable for overseas operations. In no case will the

AN URGENT PROBLEM.

The Shanghai Russian Refugees.

The question of the Russian refugees in Shanghai grows more and more serious. Much has been done already for them and the best thanks of the community are due to those ladies and gentlemen who have taken upon their shoulders, entirely voluntarily, the task of providing for these unfortunates and of eventually sending them to permanent homes. Yet it is extremely doubtful whether casual voluntary effort can solve the problem. We have it on the authority of a refugee, who manages to earn barely sufficient to keep himself, yet spends what little he has of spare time in endeavouring to help his fellow countrymen, that there are at least 10,000 Russians now in Shanghai, practically all without means of subsistence and he says he is certain that there are even more than this figure. That means that the Russians here number about half the rest of the white population.

The depths to which these unfortunate people have fallen scarcely can be imagined, but it will be understood how desperate they are when, as is a fact, some of them have applied to the Chinese authorities for permits as rick-ha pullers, and have been granted them. It is obvious that when a man takes on such a job, he is not one of those who will not work. Then there is that sad sight which can be seen daily in Nanking Road, just above Kiangse Road, of a little Russian girl, apparently not more than eight or nine years old pitifully holding out a cardboard box of cigarettes or sweets for sale. She seldom seems to sell anything, but if she sold the lot the profits would be minute. There also is a street shoeblack and a scissors-grinder.

The white man's prestige already must have fallen very considerably and if it is to count for anything at all, these unfortunate Russians must be got away to some place where they can earn a living. There is a rumour going about of a big gymkhana to be held for their benefit. Officially, nothing has been heard of it, but it would be a quick way to raise transportation money, if anyone can say where the exiles could be sent. *N.C.D.N.*

designed speed be less than 33 knots. If the three smaller "fleet" cruisers are added, the total is brought up to 25. It is important to note that in 1927 the oldest of these ships will have been in service barely eight years.

Next in importance is the United States cruiser fleet, present and prospective. It consists at present of ten units, all exactly alike. France and Italy are also building or are about to build.

The only other new cruising ships of any importance are the Java and Sumatra, completing for the Netherlands Fleet. They are vessels of 7,050 tons and 30 knots speed, with an armament of ten 5.9-inch guns.

Until the new ships are started the British Navy will contain only five cruisers comparable in size, speed, and power to the foreign ships referred to above.

TROPICAL DISEASES.

Migration of White Races.

A report written over a year ago by Dr. S. M. Lambert, M.D., of Surin, is noted in a recent issue of the *Journal of Tropical Medicine*. It deals with ankylosomiasis, or hookworm disease, and mass treatment is suggested to deal with it. Dr. Lambert points out that just a few generations ahead of us the pressure of subsistence will become so great in the temperate climates that we shall be forced to develop the Tropics and settle in them.

This process has been going on during the past forty years at an accelerating speed, the principal obstacle being the diseases that abound in the hot zone. The first great impetus given to tropical development was the discovery that malaria is transmitted by the mosquito. This was followed by the demonstration in Cuba that yellow fever was also a mosquito transfer. Both of these diseases are being grappled with, and their treatment further advanced. The particular disease of hookworm does not affect the European to a great extent, though the coolies on estates are frequent sufferers, and anything done to counteract its infection would not only alleviate a degree of sickness but would also be economically sound, as a sick coolie is himself the worse off and the estate the loser.

Dr. Lambert states that we know now that the hookworm larva only lives six weeks in a tropical soil. Granted the use of carbontetrachloride, which is the remedy he recommends, with the knowledge of this latter fact, we now have some real hope of eradicating hookworm disease from any given area. A gentleman, who has been Colonial Secretary of several of His Majesty's Colonies, suggests the possibility of treating whole populations on one day a year, or two days a year six months apart. If this were done it would mean the elimination each time of over 90 per cent. of the egg-laying females which cause soil pollution. Such a plan would mean the control on mass of the ill-effects of hookworm disease. If this plan were followed for several years, he suggests, it might mean the permanent eradication of the disease as an economic factor. What has been done in the way of prevention of malaria was shown at the recent Medical Congress at Singapore.

The testimony of Dr. Watson of what has been accomplished at Carey Island, in the peninsula and Blakan Mati, at Singapore, shows what can be done in bringing tropical diseases under control.—*Ex.*

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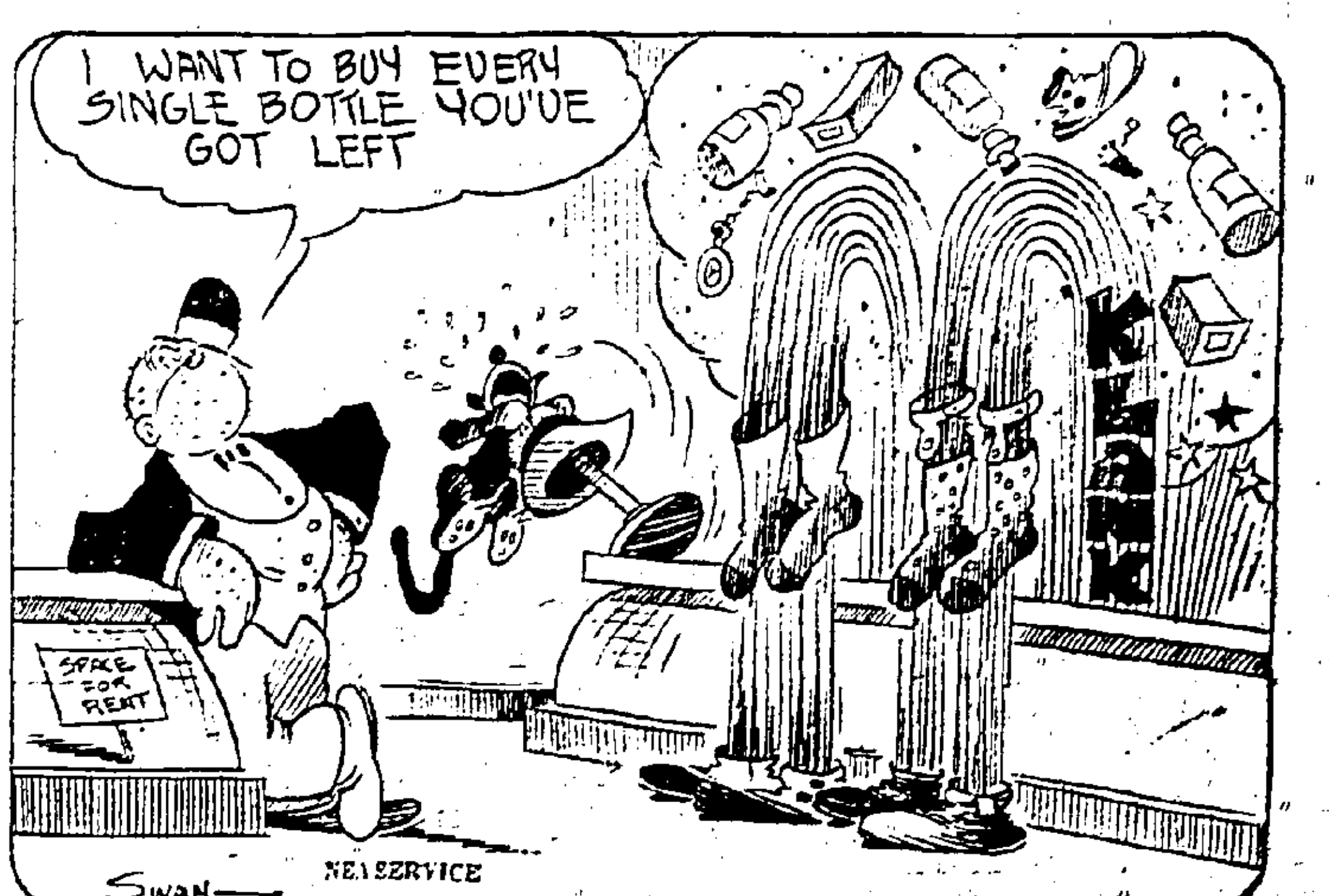
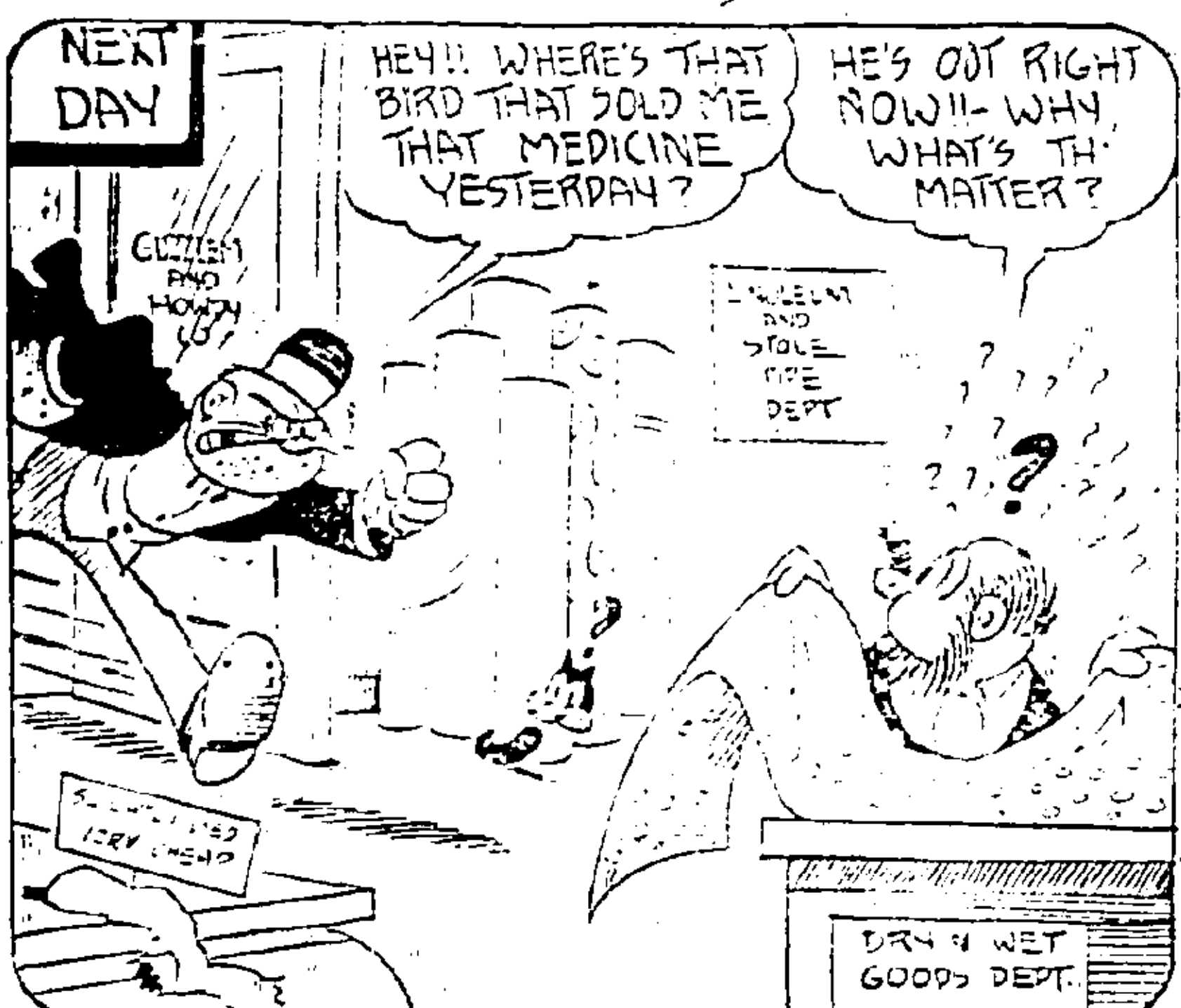
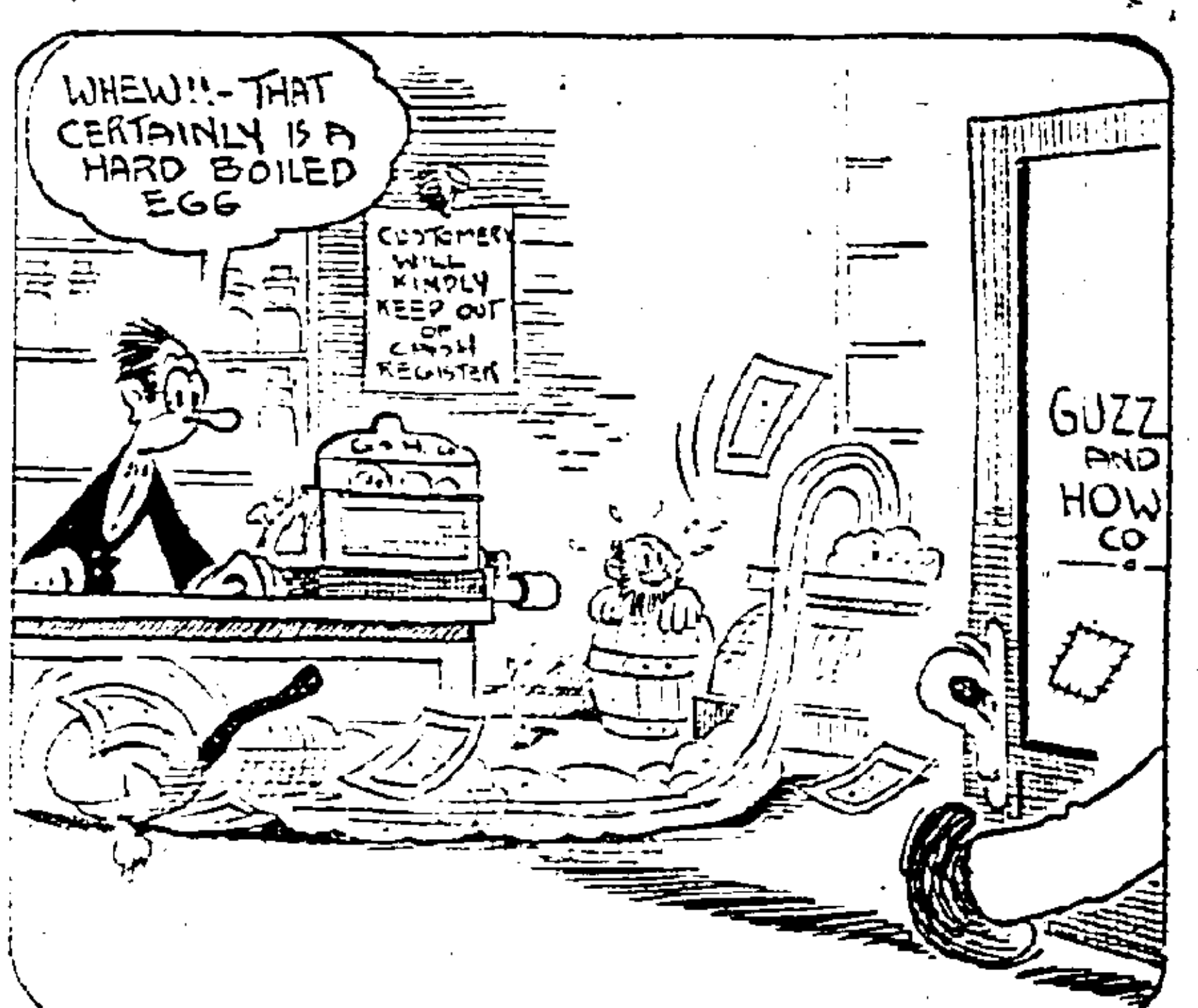
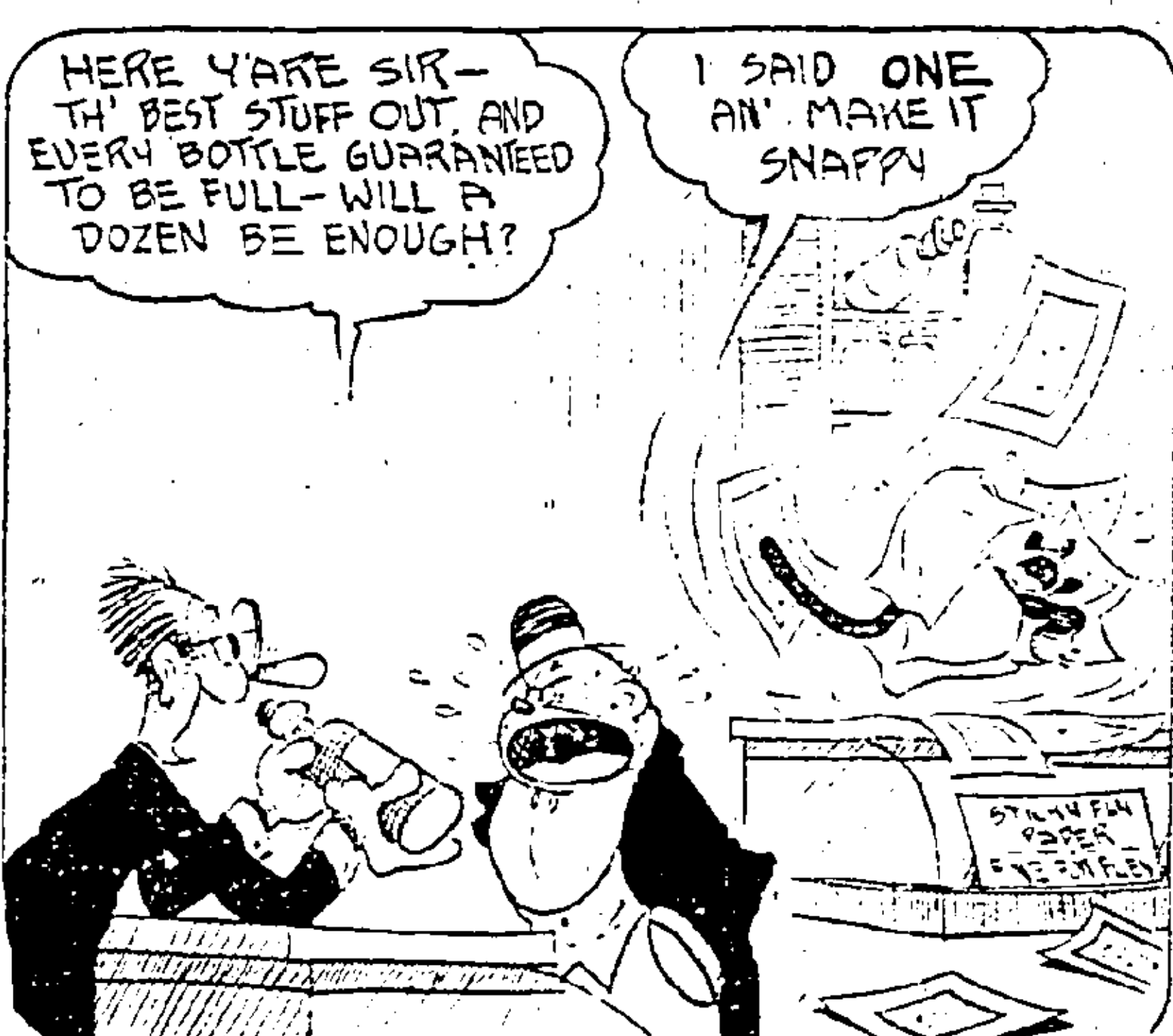
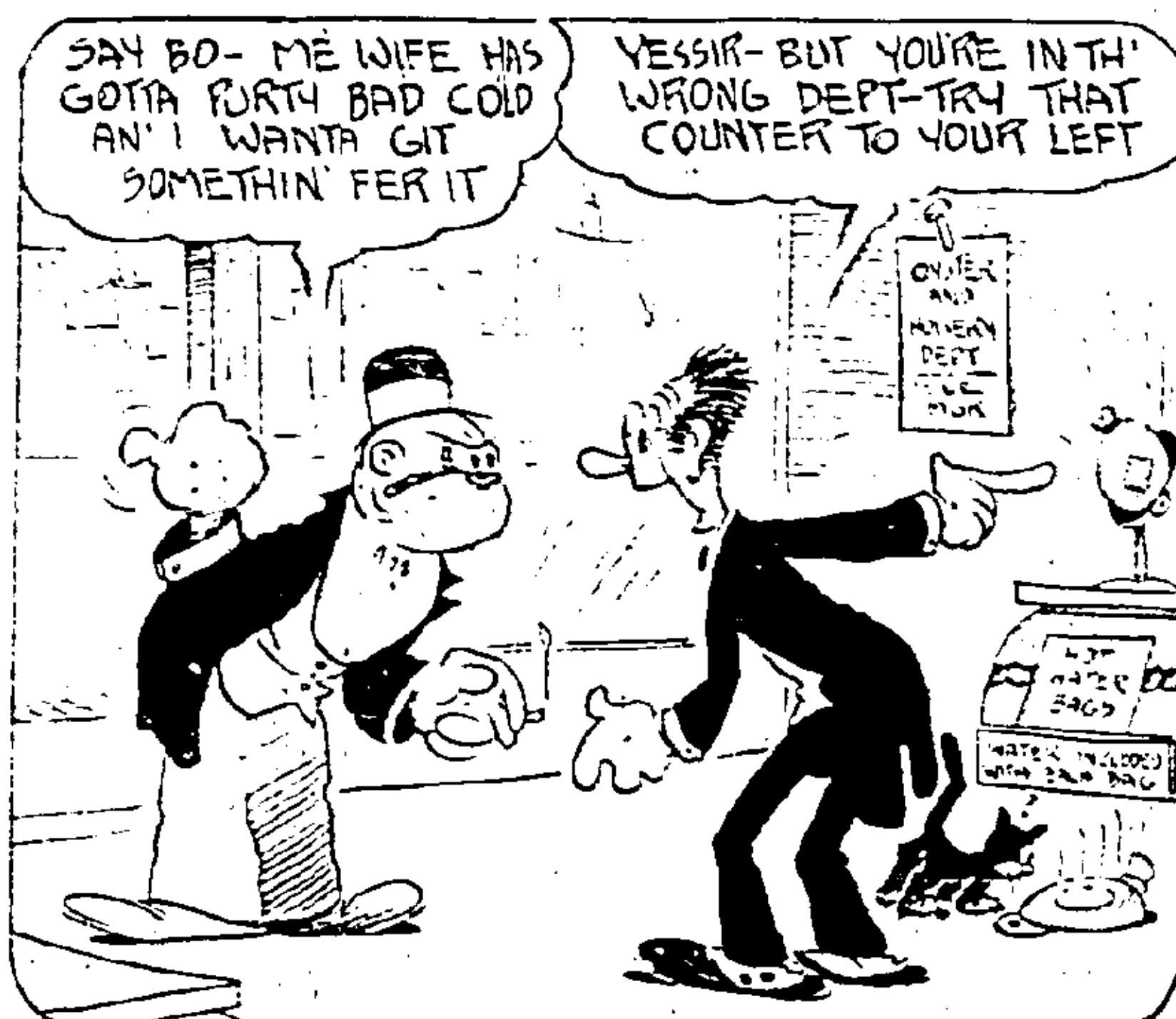
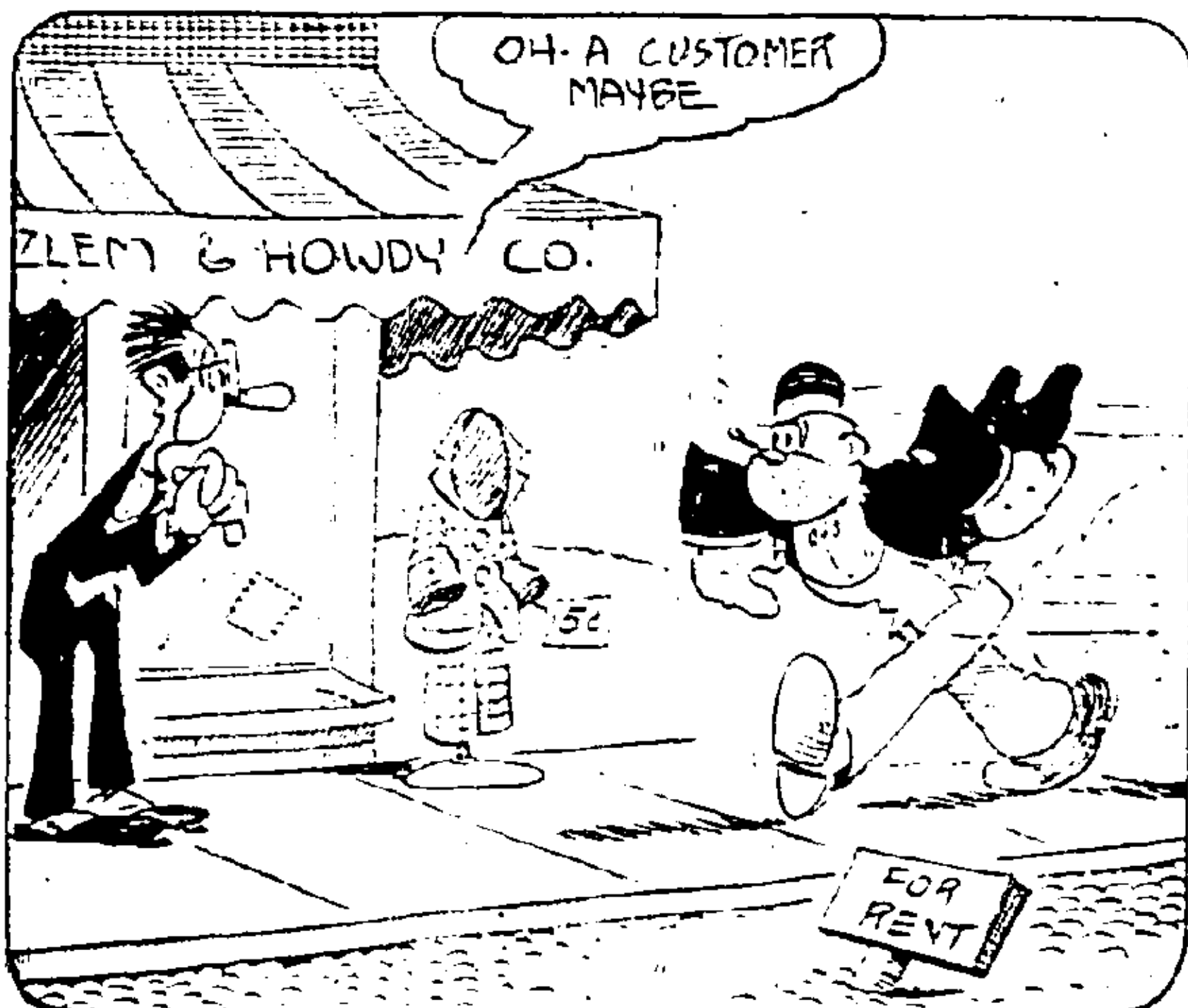
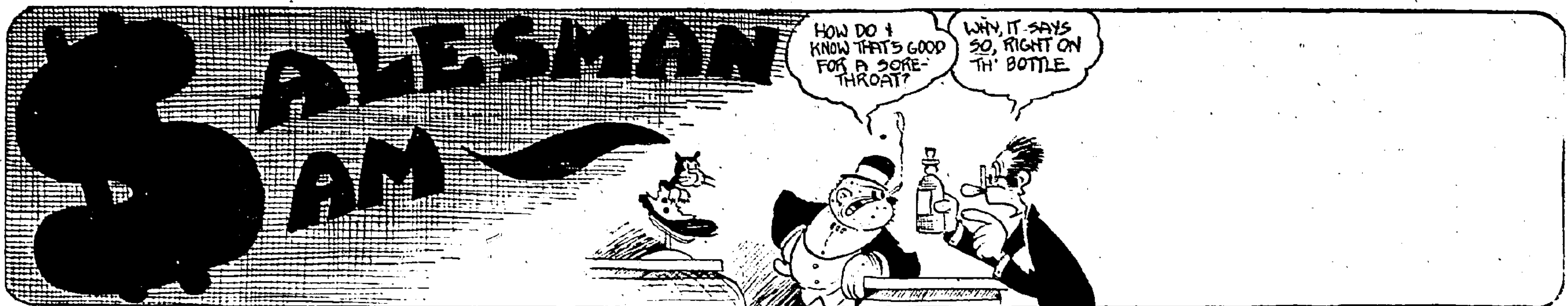
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M. Ravel was also induced to speak of the New English school of music. "Elgar is a great international figure," he said. "But even more typical of the New English school, in my opinion, are such composers as Bax, Holst, Bliss and Vaughan Williams. They are, I think, creating a very characteristic school."

"ENERGIOUS VITALITY."

It is always interesting to get a great composer on the lighter side of music. M. Ravel had something to say about jazz which showed him broad-minded where his art is concerned. Let us by no means despise jazz, he declared, with a smile. "Jazz has most original and rhythmic and harmonic qualities, as well as a distinctive instrumentation."

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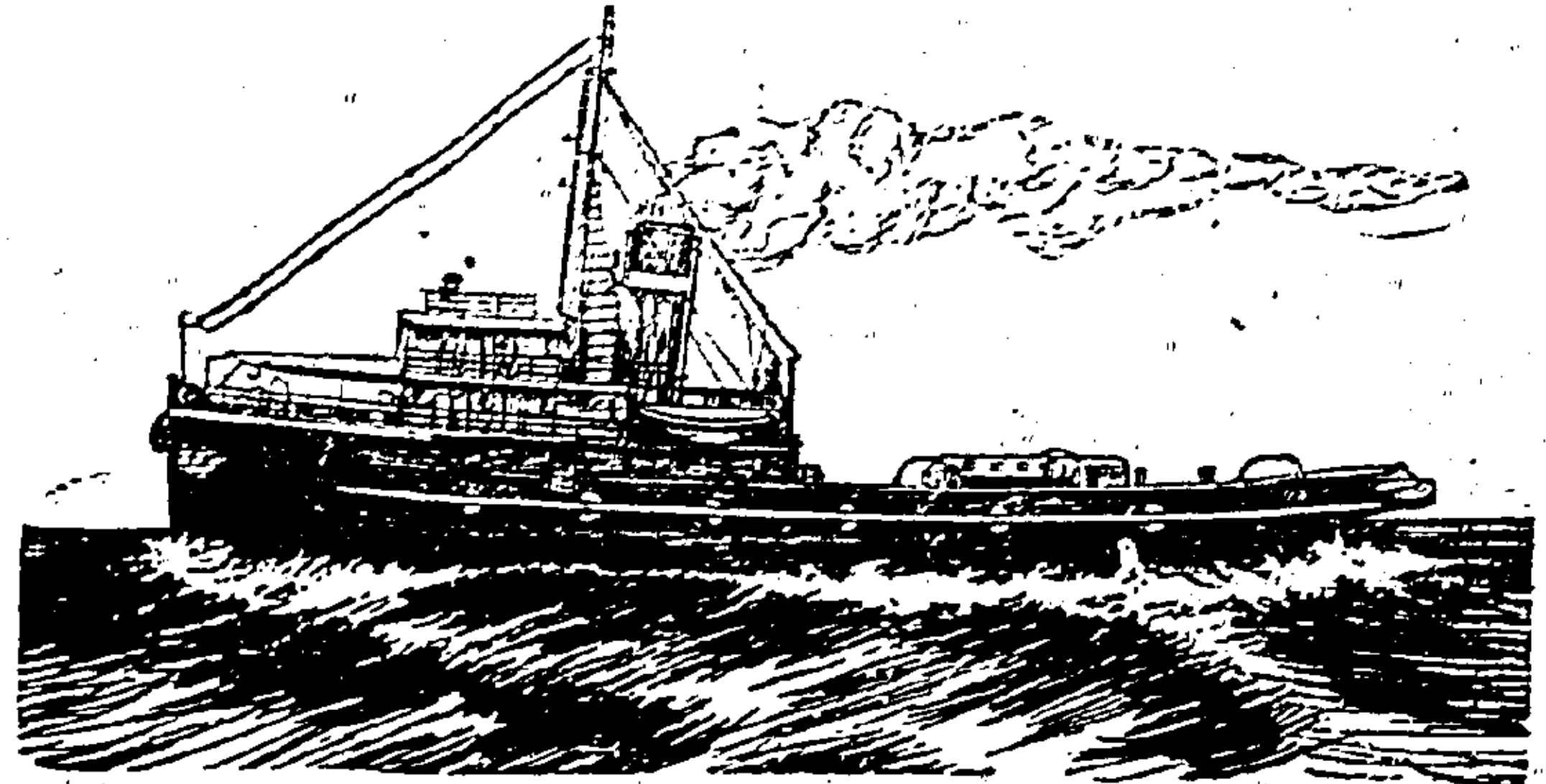
Asked if he had written anything new lately, M. Ravel, with the Frenchman's characteristic humor and uplifted eyebrows, said: "No. Not for two years! I got tired of hearing my own music. But I am coming back."

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HAIPHONG via Hoihow Chipshing	Thurs.	27th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

An Imprisoned Culture.

Sir, I think public opinion is against the method of confinement resorted to in the case of a culture now to be seen in one of the deer cages in the public Gardens. It is a fine specimen, no doubt very miserable in its present position.

Failing proper facilities for free movement, I think the birds should be released, and given an opportunity to taste again of the joys of soaring thousands of feet up in the air; or else, if it be desired as an exhibit, it might be painlessly destroyed, mounted and placed in the City Hall museum.

Yours etc.
BACK TO NATURE.
Hongkong, Dec. 17th, 1923.

EARTHQUAKES.**A Series Of Facts.**

At the meeting of the Quasi Society at Shanghai, recently, Dr. Chatley spoke on the above subject. He commenced by describing in general terms the instruments which are used for observing the tremors of the earth's surface. The use of horizontal and inverted pendulums was referred to as an improvement on the older methods which employed vertical cylinders or balls in cups and some details were given of the very delicate Galitzin seismographs which are the last word in seismographic instruments. Reference was also made to the statistical and topographical study of shocks perceptible to all and to the general association of earthquake regions with fault lines, ocean abysses and volcanoes.

He went on to speak of the results of the analysis of the instrument records, pointing out how a comparison of the records at various stations of any one shock of known location enables the speed with which the tremor is transmitted to be calculated. The secondary waves due to direct transmission through the body of the earth and by reflection from various parts of its surface indicate certain definite ideas as to the rigidity of the interior of the earth

